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HISTORY **9489/41**

Paper 4 Depth Study **May/June 2026**

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.
  - Section A: European option
  - Section B: American option
  - Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.

Section A: European history in the interwar years, 1919–41

1 'Mussolini's policies towards women had only a limited impact on their lives.' Discuss this view. [30]

2 Analyse the impact of Stalin's policies towards non-Russian nationalities in the years 1928–41. [30]

3 'Hitler was appointed as Chancellor in Germany in 1933 because of the unpopularity of the Weimar government.' Assess this view. [30]

4 Analyse the extent of support for pacifism in Britain in the period 1934–39. [30]

Section B: The USA, 1944–92

5 Assess the extent of social mobility in US society in the late 1940s and 1950s. [30]

6 'Little was achieved in domestic policy during Nixon's presidency.' Discuss. [30]

7 Assess the reasons why gender inequality was a significant issue in the 1980s and early 1990s. [30]

8 'The US withdrew from Vietnam for political reasons rather than because of military failure.' Evaluate this view. [30]

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Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 ‘The growth of nationalism in the Soviet republics was the main reason for the collapse of the USSR.’ Discuss this view. [30]

10 Evaluate the extent to which the USSR was responsible for the Sino–Soviet split. [30]

11 ‘Superpower rivalry was the main reason for conflict in Ethiopia between 1950 and 1991.’ Discuss this view. [30]

12 ‘Oil was the main reason for US involvement in the Middle East in the period 1948–91.’ Evaluate this view. [30]

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