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HISTORY **9489/42**

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

1 Assess the view that repression was the main reason why Mussolini maintained control of Italy from 1925 to 1941. [30]

2 Evaluate the effectiveness of Stalin's Five-Year Plans. [30]

3 'Hitler's foreign policy objectives were the main factor that influenced Nazi economic policy.' Discuss this view. [30]

4 Assess the impact of new industries on the British economy in the period 1919 to 1939. [30]

Section B: The USA, 1944–92

5 Assess the reasons why the Republicans failed to win the presidential election of 1948. [30]

6 Evaluate the impact of Black Power in the 1960s and 1970s. [30]

7 Assess the significance of US trade deficits in the 1980s and early 1990s. [30]

8 'The Reagan Doctrine was a success.' Assess this view. [30]

Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 Analyse how far détente improved US–Soviet relations in the period 1963 to 1980. [30]

10 'US support for Taiwan was the main factor influencing Sino–US relations during the Cold War.' Discuss this view. [30]

11 'Senghor was mainly responsible for Senegal gaining its independence.' Discuss this view. [30]

12 Assess the causes of the Iran–Iraq War. [30]

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