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HISTORY **9489/43**

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 was appointed as prime minister in 1922 mainly because of the fear of communism.' Discuss this view. [30]

2 Assess the effectiveness of Stalin's foreign policy in the period 1928 to 1941. [30]

3 'The main reason that Hitler was able to consolidate power by August 1934 was the divisions amongst his opponents.' Assess this view. [30]

4 Assess the impact of social welfare policies in Britain in the period 1919 to 1939. [30]

Section B: The USA, 1944–92

5 Evaluate the impact of the SCLC in the civil rights movement in the 1950s. [30]

6 Assess the achievements of Hispanic political action in the USA in the 1960s and 1970s. [30]

7 'Reaganomics failed to achieve its aims.' Discuss this view. [30]

8 Assess the importance of ideological differences in creating tensions between the USA and the USSR in the period 1950 to 1963. [30]

Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 Assess the extent of Khrushchev's commitment to peaceful co-existence. [30]

10 Assess the extent to which public opinion was responsible for US withdrawal from Vietnam. [30]

11 Evaluate how far Cold War tensions prevented Pan–Africanism from achieving its aims. [30]

12 'The Suez Crisis benefited Egypt more than Israel.' Assess this view. [30]

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