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Assessment Unit A2 1

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TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from your chosen option.
Indicate clearly on your Answer Booklet which option you have chosen.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
Candidates are reminded that their answers should demonstrate their understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented in different ways.
All questions carry equal marks, i.e. 50 marks for each question.

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 1 ANGLO-SPANISH RELATIONS 1509–1609

Either

- 1** “The religious policies of the rulers of England and Spain had the greatest influence on Anglo-Spanish relations in the period 1509–1609.” How far would you accept this verdict? [50]

Or

- 2** “The desire of England and Spain to expand in the New World was the decisive factor in explaining the rivalry between the two countries in the period 1509–1609.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 2 CROWN AND PARLIAMENT IN ENGLAND 1603–1702

Either

- 1** How far would you agree that the events of 1640–1642 marked the most important turning point in the role and status of Parliament in the seventeenth century? [50]

Or

- 2** “The reign of Charles I (1625–1649) weakened the powers and prerogatives of the monarchy more than any other reign in the seventeenth century.” To what extent would you accept this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 3 LIBERALISM AND NATIONALISM IN EUROPE 1815–1914

Either

- 1** “The progress of liberalism in Europe between 1815 and 1914 was inconsistent.”
How far would you agree with this verdict? [50]

Or

- 2** To what extent was the success of nationalism in Europe between 1815 and 1914 due to the influence of individuals? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 4 UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM IN IRELAND 1800–1900

Either

- 1** “Expectations were high but very little was actually achieved.” To what extent would you accept this assessment of constitutional and revolutionary nationalism in Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

Or

- 2** “The main feature of the supporters of the Union was that they had very little in common.” How far would you agree with this assessment of the supporters of the Union in the north and south of Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 5 CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES IN EUROPE 1900–2000

Either

- 1** “A determination to advance communism outside the USSR was the most important influence on Soviet foreign policy in the period 1917–1991.” How far would you accept this verdict? [50]

Or

- 2** “Opposition to communism in Europe was more successful after the Second World War than in the period up to 1945.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [50]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
