



ADVANCED GCE HISTORY

Themes in History 1763–1996

2591

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet
- Insert (inserted)

Other Materials Required:

None

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Every question is marked out of **60**.
- This paper contains questions on the following five Options:
 - Britain 1793–1921 (page 2)
 - Britain 1834–1996 (page 3)
 - Europe 1792–1919 (page 4)
 - Europe 1855–1956 (page 5)
 - America 1763–1980 (page 6)
- Each Option has one or more Themes. Each Theme has three questions.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Candidates are expected to demonstrate understanding of the issues in **each** of their selected questions over a period of **at least one hundred years** (unless an individual question specifies a slightly shorter period).
- Candidates are reminded of the synoptic nature of this Unit. Answers are required to demonstrate understanding of the processes of historical continuity, development and change across the **full breadth** of the period studied.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Britain 1793–1921

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Key Theme: Britain and Ireland 1798–1921

- 1 How far was the Third Home Rule Bill of 1912 the **most** important turning-point in the relationship between Ireland and the British government in the period from 1798 to 1921?
- 2 To what extent did the Famine of 1845–49 change the direction of Irish economic development during the period from 1798 to 1921?
- 3 How far was Irish constitutional nationalism a failure throughout the period from 1798 to 1921?

Key Theme: War and Society in Britain 1793–1918

- 4 How far would you agree that the **most** important reason why the recruitment, re-organisation and resources of the army were limited in the period from 1793 to 1918 was because of their impact on civilian society?
- 5 Explain why some army and navy reforms were more effective than others during the period from 1793 to 1918.
- 6 'Except for its scale, the First World War was little different from the wars fought by Britain in the period from 1793 to 1902.' How far do you agree with this view?

Britain 1834–1996

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Key Theme: Poor Law to Welfare State 1834–1948

- 7 'Laissez-faire thinking was the **main** influence on government policies concerning welfare issues throughout the period from 1834 to 1948.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 8 Assess the reasons for greater government intervention in education during the period from 1834 to 1948.
- 9 'The biggest influence on the treatment of the poor by governments during the period from 1834 to 1948 was the work of social investigators such as Chadwick and Beveridge.' How far do you agree with this view?

Key Theme: The Development of Democracy in Britain 1868–1992

- 10 To what extent were changes to both the House of Commons and the House of Lords essential to the development of democracy during the period from 1868 to 1992?
- 11 How far were the results of general elections during the period from 1868 to 1992 determined **mainly** by the political abilities of party leaders?
- 12 'The change in the political role of women was very limited during the period from 1868 to 1992.' How far do you agree with this view?

Key Theme: The Development of the Mass Media 1896–1996

- 13 Assess the consequences for society throughout the period from 1896 to 1996 of the growth and development of the mass media.
- 14 To what extent did the role of the mass media in times of national crisis change during the century from 1896?
- 15 How far do you agree that American influence has been the most significant factor in the development of the mass media in Britain during the period from 1896 to 1996?

Europe 1792–1919

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Key Theme: The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792–1918

- 16** 'Waging war successfully in the period from 1792 to 1918 depended **mainly** on the help of allies.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 17** Assess the view that armies failed to apply developments in weapons technology to battlefield tactics in the period from 1792 to 1918.
- 18** To what extent did public opinion influence military decisions in war in the period from 1792 to 1918?

Key Theme: The Challenge of German Nationalism 1815–1919

- 19** How far do you agree with the view that Kaiser William II managed German nationalism more effectively than Metternich and Bismarck?
- 20** Assess the reasons for the growth of German nationalism in the period from 1815 to 1919.
- 21** 'The creation and development of a united Germany in the period from 1815 to 1919 owed everything to Prussia and nothing to German nationalism.' How far do you agree with this view?

Europe 1855–1956

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Key Theme: Russian Dictatorship 1855–1956

- 22** 'Lenin was the ruler who did **most** to transform Russia in the period from 1855 to 1956.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 23** How far do you agree that the assassination of Tsar Alexander II in 1881 was the **most** important turning-point in the development of Russian government in the period from 1855 to 1956?
- 24** How far do you agree that the working class of Russia suffered more under communist rule than they did under the Tsars in the period from 1855 to 1956?

America 1763–1980

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Key Theme: The Struggle for the Constitution 1763–1877

- 25 Assess the view that the Missouri Compromise of 1820 was the **major** turning-point in North-South relations during the period from 1787 to 1877.
- 26 Assess the view that presidential power expanded more in the presidency of Abraham Lincoln (1861–65) than during the period of office of any other US president in the period from 1789 to 1877.
- 27 To what extent was social change the **main** cause of amendments to the US Constitution in the period from 1791 to 1877?

Key Theme: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1980

- 28 ‘Compared with Native Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans faced only minor discrimination in civil rights in the period from 1865 to 1980.’ How far do you agree with this view?
- 29 ‘Together, Kennedy’s “New Frontier” and Johnson’s “Great Society” were the **major** turning-point in the development of civil rights in the USA.’ How far do you agree with this view for the period from 1865 to 1980?
- 30 Assess the view that the development of African American civil rights in the period from 1865 to 1980 was **mainly** due to the action of African Americans themselves.

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