



## ADVANCED GCE UNIT HISTORY

# 2593

Independent Investigation (Open Book Examination)

**Exam to be sat on any day selected by each centre from Wednesday 14 April to Sunday 9 May 2010.**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

### OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

### Other Materials Required:

- Candidates books and notes

**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.
- Write your answer, in blue or black ink, in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **one** question.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Candidates may use their notes and books in this coursework examination. Notes **should not be** handed in with the Answer Booklet.
- Every question is marked out of 90.
- Candidates may confine their answer to one country or draw from several countries. The choice is theirs.
- Candidates may not discuss any period **before** 768 AD.
- Candidates should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- In their essay, candidates must **either** use and evaluate primary and/or secondary source material relevant to their chosen question **or** explain and evaluate interpretations of the historical events and topics studied, **or** both.
- Footnotes giving the source of quotations are optional.
- Candidates should end their essay with their bibliography. This may be typed out ahead of the exam and then attached to the answer book with a tag.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

**1 The Arts and History**

Choose any television programme (or series of programmes) dealing with the past and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses as an historical interpretation.

**2 Economic History**

How significant have long-term economic factors been in explaining any event chosen from a period you have studied?

**3 The Individual in History**

Assess the historical significance of any individual you have studied.

**4 Local History**

How far was geographical position the main factor in explaining the development of any historical site you have studied?

**5 Military History**

How true is it of any military conflict you have studied that 'wars are always won by the side with the most resources'?

**6 Political History**

Take the example of any revolt against legitimate political authority and explain why it was either successful or unsuccessful.

**7 Religious History**

Assess the importance of religious factors as a cause of any historical event or conflict you have studied.

**8 Science, Technology and History**

Assess the significance of a single discovery or invention from any period you have studied.

**9 Social History**

'Differences of social class rather than of gender have provided the main obstacle to the development of women's rights'. How far is this true of any period you have studied?

**10 World History**

'On the whole, the influence of imperial expansion has been beneficial.' How far is this true of any country or period you have studied?



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