

**Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning**

**AS GCE HISTORY A**

**F961/02** British History Period Studies  
Option B: Modern 1783–1994

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**MODIFIED LANGUAGE**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846
  - Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914
  - Domestic Issues 1918–1951
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990
  - Post-War Britain 1951–1994
- There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. 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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

### **From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846**

- 1 How successful were Pitt the Younger's domestic policies? [50]
- 2 'Government policies were the most important reason why the radical challenges in the period from 1812 to 1822 failed.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 'The fear of revolution was the most important reason for the passing of the Great Reform Act in 1832.' How far do you agree? [50]

### **Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895**

- 4 Assess the reasons for the political domination of the Whigs and Liberals in the period from 1846 to 1868. [50]
- 5 'The loss of the support of non-conformists was the most important reason why the Liberals were defeated in the 1874 election.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 6 How far did Disraeli achieve his aims in foreign and imperial policies in the period from 1874 to 1880? [50]

### **Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914**

- 7 How far was British foreign policy influenced by a fear of Russia in the period from 1856 to 1902? [50]
- 8 'Support for imperialism declined from 1880 to 1902.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 9 To what extent did relations with Germany decline during the period from 1902 to 1914? [50]

### **Domestic Issues 1918–1951**

- 10 How successful were the Labour governments of 1924 and 1929 to 1931? [50]
- 11 Assess the reasons for the failure of the General Strike. [50]
- 12 How successful were the reforms of the Labour governments of 1945 to 1951 in solving the social and economic problems they inherited? [50]

**Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990**

- 13** 'Imperial interests were the most important reason why Britain did not join the EEC before 1973.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 14** How much domestic opposition was there to Britain's possession of nuclear weapons in the period from 1945 to 1990? [50]
- 15** To what extent was Britain a great power from 1945 to 1990? [50]

**Post-War Britain 1951–1994**

- 16** How successfully did Macmillan deal with the problems he faced as Prime Minister? [50]
- 17** 'The Labour governments of 1964–1970 were more successful than the Labour governments of 1974–1979.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18** Assess the reasons for opposition to Thatcher's social and economic policies. [50]

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