

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
AS GCE**

**F961/02**

**HISTORY A**

**British History Period Studies**

**Option B: Modern 1783–1994**

**WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

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**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)  
(sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **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.**

## **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.**
- **Any blank pages are indicated.**

**Answer any TWO questions.**

### **FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846**

- 1 'The weakness of the radical movement was the most important reason why Pitt the Younger was able to survive the radical threat to his government.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 2 To what extent was the electoral system in 1830 in need of reform? [50]**
- 3 How successful were Peel's economic and social policies from 1841 to 1846? [50]**

### **LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895**

- 4 How far was traditional support for 'monarchy, Church and aristocracy' the most important element in Disraelian Conservatism? [50]**
- 5 'Disraeli's foreign and imperial policy brought little benefit to Britain.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 6 Assess the reasons for the failures of Gladstone's later ministries. [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914**

- 7 How far did the principles governing British foreign and imperial policy change in the period from 1856 to 1902? [50]**
- 8 How important for Britain was trade in obtaining influence and possessions in Africa from 1868 to 1902? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons for the improvement in relations with France in the period from 1902 to 1911. [50]**

## **DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951**

- 10 Assess the reasons why the Labour government of 1924 was short-lived. [50]**
- 11 ‘The policies of the National Governments from 1931 to 1939 solved the problem of unemployment.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 12 Assess the reasons why Labour lost support in the period from 1945 to 1951. [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990**

- 13 How different were the foreign policies of the Labour and Conservative governments in the period from 1945 to 1964? [50]**
- 14 ‘Thatcher’s main aim in foreign policy was to strengthen the relationship with the USA.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 15 How important was the Suez Crisis of 1956 in changing Britain’s attitude towards the Empire? [50]**

## **POST-WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994**

- 16 ‘Never had it so good.’ How far does this explain Conservative dominance from 1951 to 1964? [50]**
- 17 Assess the reasons why Thatcher’s domestic policies were so controversial. [50]**
- 18 Assess the reasons why Northern Ireland remained a problem for Britain to 1994. [50]**

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