

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS GCE**

F961/02

HISTORY A

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

THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014: 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 (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 How serious were the radical threats to Pitt's governments? [50]**
- 2 How far would you agree that Tory governments were no more liberal from 1822 to 1830 than from 1812 to 1822? [50]**
- 3 How effective was Peel as a party leader? [50]**

Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895

- 4 How limited were the achievements of Gladstone's first ministry? [50]**
- 5 How important were Disraeli's qualities in his emergence as Conservative leader? [50]**
- 6 'Disraeli's wish to improve the condition of the people was the most important reason for the domestic reforms of his second ministry.' How far do you agree? [50]**

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914

- 7 ‘Fear of Russia dominated British foreign and imperial policy from 1856 to 1902.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 ‘The policy of Imperialism from 1880 to 1902 was consistently popular in England.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why there was so much support in Britain for the decision to go to war in 1914. [50]**

Domestic Issues 1918–1951

- 10 Assess the reasons for the growth of the Labour party in the period 1918 to 1924. [50]**
- 11 ‘The Trade Unions were the most important reason for the General Strike in 1926.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 12 How important was Attlee’s role in Labour’s election victory of 1945? [50]**

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990

- 13 ‘Economic weakness was the main reason why Britain decolonised.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 14 Assess the reasons why Britain’s attitude towards Europe changed in the 1960s. [50]**
- 15 How successful was Thatcher as a world leader? [50]**

Post-War Britain 1951–1994

- 16 Assess the reasons why the Labour party won the 1964 election. [50]**
- 17 ‘The Heath government was a complete failure.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 18 ‘Conservative strength rather than Labour weakness was the most important reason for Thatcher’s election victories.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

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