



GCE A level

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HISTORY – HY4

UNIT 4

PERIOD STUDY 6

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
EUROPE, c. 1696-1815**

A.M. THURSDAY, 26 January 2012

1 hour 40 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball point pen.

Answer **two** questions, **one** from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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SECTION A

Answer one question.

1. Catherine the Great, 1762-1796

To what extent was Catherine the Great an enlightened ruler? [40]

2. Commercial and colonial rivalry, c. 1750-1815

‘Territorial ambitions were mainly responsible for the rivalry between Prussia and Russia in the Baltic.’ Discuss. [40]

SECTION B

Answer one question.

1. France, c. 1715-1815

To what extent was weak leadership the main factor affecting France during the period 1715-1815? [40]

2. Great Power rivalry, c. 1696-1815

To what extent was the changing balance of power responsible for Great Power rivalry in Europe between 1696 and 1815? [40]