



## ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE HISTORY

Period Studies – European and World History 1789–1989

# 2586

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

### OCR Supplied Materials:

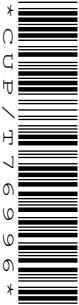
- 8 page Answer Booklet

### Other Materials Required:

None

**Tuesday 13 January 2009**  
**Afternoon**

**Duration: 45 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.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Every question is marked out of **45**.

This paper contains questions on the following five Options:

- Europe 1789–1849 (page 2)
- Europe 1825–1890 (page 3)
- America 1846–1919 (page 4)
- Europe 1890–1945 (page 5)
- Europe and the World 1919–1989 (page 6)
- Each Option has eight questions, two for each of its Study Topics.
- Answer **one** question.
- 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 **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

## Europe 1789–1849

### 1 The French Revolution 1789–1795

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent were economic factors the **most** important in causing the Revolution of 1789?

**or**

(b) Assess the reasons why, following the Revolution of 1789, the monarchy was overthrown in August 1792.

### 2 Napoleon and Europe 1799–1815

Answer **either**

(a) How far did the reforms made during the Consulate (1799–1804) maintain the principles of equality, liberty and popular sovereignty?

**or**

(b) To what extent was defeat in Russia the **main** reason for Napoleon's downfall in 1814?

### 3 France 1814–1848

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons for the overthrow of Charles X in 1830.

**or**

(b) 'Louis Philippe was overthrown in 1848 because of the failure of his domestic policy.' How far do you agree with this view?

### 4 Revolution and Repression in Europe 1815–1849

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons why liberal and nationalist movements had little success in the Austrian Empire in the period from 1815 to 1847.

**or**

(b) How far do you agree that disunity amongst revolutionaries was the **main** reason for the failure of the revolutions in the German Confederation in 1848–49?

**Europe 1825–1890****5 Italy 1830–1870**

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons for the outbreak of revolutions in Italy in 1848.

**or**

(b) How important was France in the creation of a united Italy in the period from 1848 to 1870?

**6 Germany c.1862–1890**

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was Bismarck's diplomacy the **main** reason for the unification of Germany?

**or**

(b) How successful was Bismarck in his policies towards Catholics and Socialists from 1871 to 1890? Explain your answer.

**7 France 1848–1875**

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was Napoleon III a dictator in his rule of France from 1852 to 1870?

**or**

(b) How successful was Napoleon III in increasing French prestige and influence in Europe in the period from 1852 to 1870? Explain your answer.

**8 Russia 1825–1881**

Answer **either**

(a) How effective was the policy of the Emancipation of the Serfs (1861)? Explain your answer.

**or**

(b) To what extent were the policies and actions of Alexander II's government the **main** reasons for the growth of revolutionary groups in Russia in the 1860s and 70s?

## America 1846–1919

### 9 The American Civil War 1861–1865

Answer **either**

- (a) Assess the reasons why the North and the South were unable to reach a peaceful solution to their differences after the election of President Lincoln.

**or**

- (b) 'Lee, not Grant, was the greater general of the American Civil War.' How far do you agree with this view?

### 10 Politics and Reform 1877–1919

Answer **either**

- (a) 'The power of Trusts was the **main** issue facing presidents in the period from 1877 to 1896.' How far do you agree?

**or**

- (b) How successful was Progressivism in influencing American politics in the period from 1896 to 1919? Explain your answer.

### 11 Western Expansion 1846–1900

Answer **either**

- (a) To what extent was Federal policy the **most** important factor in opening up the West from 1846 to 1900?

**or**

- (b) Assess the reasons why many Americans moved West in the period from 1846 to 1900.

### 12 Race Relations in the South 1863–1912

Answer **either**

- (a) 'Reconstruction did very little to improve the position of Black Americans in the period from 1863 to 1877.' How far do you agree with this view?

**or**

- (b) Assess the reasons why there was no real improvement in the position of Black Americans from 1877 to 1912.

**Europe 1890–1945****13 Russia 1894–1917**

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons for the 1905 Revolution in Russia.

**or**

(b) How important was Lenin in enabling the Bolsheviks to seize power in Russia in the October Revolution of 1917?

**14 The Causes and Impact of the First World War c.1890–1920**

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent were German policies and actions the **main** reasons for the outbreak of war in 1914?

**or**

(b) To what extent can the Treaty of Versailles be considered fair?

**15 Italy 1919–1945**

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was Mussolini the **main** reason for the rise of the fascists to power in Italy by 1922?

**or**

(b) How successful were Mussolini's economic and social policies to 1940? Explain your answer.

**16 Germany 1919–1945**

Answer **either**

(a) 'The impact of the Great Depression was the **main** reason for the rise of Hitler to power.' How far do you agree with this view?

**or**

(b) Assess the reasons why Hitler faced so little opposition from 1933 to 1939.

## Europe and the World 1919–1989

### 17 International Relations 1919–1941

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons why there was no major conflict in the 1920s.

**or**

(b) Assess the reasons for the outbreak of war between the USA and Japan in the Pacific in 1941.

### 18 The USSR 1924–1953

Answer **either**

(a) How successful were Stalin's Five Year Plans in modernising Russia? Explain your answer.

**or**

(b) How successfully did Stalin expand the power and influence of the USSR in Eastern Europe from 1945 to 1953? Explain your answer.

### 19 The Cold War in Europe 1945–1989

Answer **either**

(a) How successfully did the USA contain communism in Europe from 1948 to 1956? Explain your answer.

**or**

(b) How far did the revolts in Hungary (1956) and Czechoslovakia (1968) threaten Soviet control of Eastern Europe?

### 20 The Cold War in Asia and the Americas 1949–1975

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons why there was an arms and space race between the USA and USSR in the 1950s.

**or**

(b) Assess the reasons for the USA's military intervention in Vietnam.

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