

**ADVANCED GCE****HISTORY**

Themes in History 1763–1996

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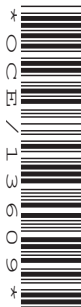
Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 12 page Answer Booklet
- Insert (inserted)

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Wednesday 23 June 2010****Afternoon****Duration:** 1 hour 30 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.
- 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 **60**.
- This paper contains questions on the following five Options:
  - Britain 1793–1921 (page 2)
  - Britain 1834–1996 (page 3)
  - Europe 1792–1919 (page 4)
  - Europe 1855–1956 (page 5)
  - America 1763–1980 (page 6)
- Each Option has one or more Themes. Each Theme has three questions.
- 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.
- Candidates are expected to demonstrate understanding of the issues in **each** of their selected questions over a period of **at least one hundred years** (unless an individual question specifies a slightly shorter period).
- Candidates are reminded of the synoptic nature of this Unit. Answers are required to demonstrate understanding of the processes of historical continuity, development and change across the **full breadth** of the period studied.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**Britain 1793–1921**

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**Key Theme: Britain and Ireland 1798–1921**

- 1 To what extent was Catholic Emancipation in 1829 the **most** important turning-point in the development of Irish nationalism during the period from 1798 to 1921?
- 2 'British governments changed their policy towards Ireland during the period from 1798 to 1921 **only** because they were under pressure to do so.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 3 To what extent did Ireland remain agriculturally and industrially under-developed throughout the period from 1798 to 1921?

**Key Theme: War and Society in Britain 1793–1918**

- 4 How far would you agree that both the army and navy were under-funded throughout the period from 1793 to 1918?
- 5 Assess the view that opposition to war was confined to an educated minority in the period from 1793 to 1918.
- 6 To what extent did British interests show continuity during the period from 1793 to 1918?

**Britain 1834–1996**

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**Key Theme: Poor Law to Welfare State 1834–1948**

- 7 'Governments had limited success in dealing with the poor throughout the period from 1834 to 1948.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 8 To what extent were changes in housing policies influenced **mainly** by political factors during the period from 1834 to 1948?
- 9 To what extent were reforms to the education system the result of concerns about the use of child labour throughout the period from 1834 to 1948?

**Key Theme: The Development of Democracy in Britain 1868–1992**

- 10 Did the changing role of prime minister do more to strengthen or weaken attempts to develop democracy from 1868 to 1992? Explain your answer.
- 11 'During the period from 1868 to 1992, the Conservative party was in government **only** when their opponents were weak and divided.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 12 How far can the growth of trade unionism be regarded as a necessity for the development of democracy in the period from 1868 to 1992? Explain your answer.

**Key Theme: The Development of the Mass Media 1896–1996**

- 13 'The mass media have consistently entertained rather than informed the British people during the century from 1896.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 14 How far do you agree that the impact of the press on popular culture in Britain declined during the century after 1896?
- 15 Assess the view that the British media had more influence during the years of appeasement in the 1930s than in any other period of national crisis during the century after 1896.

## Europe 1792–1919

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### Key Theme: The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792–1918

- 16 To what extent did developments in the quality and training of ordinary soldiers change the nature of land warfare in the period from 1792 to 1918?
- 17 How far were governments involved in the organisation and conduct of war in the period from 1792 to 1918? Explain your answer.
- 18 To what extent did industrialisation determine victory or defeat in war during the period from 1792 to 1918? Explain your answer.

### Key Theme: The Challenge of German Nationalism 1815–1919

- 19 Assess the reasons for Prussia's changing relationship with the other German states in the period from 1815 to 1919.
- 20 Assess the view that the accession of Kaiser William II in 1888 was the **most** important turning-point in the development of German nationalism during the period from 1815 to 1919.
- 21 To what extent were the German people ever united in the period from 1815 to 1919? Explain your answer.

**Europe 1855–1956**

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**Key Theme: Russian Dictatorship 1855–1956**

- 22** ‘The need to modernise their backward economy was the **most** important reason why the rulers of Russia introduced reforms.’ How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1855 to 1956?
- 23** Explain why opposition to Russian governments was so rarely successful in the period from 1855 to 1956.
- 24** How far do you agree that a study of Russian governments in the period from 1855 to 1956 suggests that after 1917 Russia simply exchanged one form of autocracy for another?

**America 1763–1980**

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**Key Theme: The Struggle for the Constitution 1763–1877**

- 25 To what extent was the Compromise of 1850 the **major** turning-point in sectional relations in the period from 1776 to 1877?
- 26 Assess the view that there was more continuity than change in the role of the presidency from 1789 to 1877.
- 27 To what extent was the conflict between central and state authority the **most** important constitutional issue in the period from 1763 to 1877?

**Key Theme: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1980**

- 28 'The civil rights of African Americans improved but their social and economic position deteriorated.' Assess this view for the period from 1865 to 1980.
- 29 'The **most** important obstacle to the development of trade union and labour rights was divisions within the trade union movement.' How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1865 to 1980?
- 30 'The concept of the "melting pot" did not apply to Native Americans in the period from 1865 to 1980.' How far do you agree with this view?

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