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THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1929 - 1945

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1 hour (of 2 hour examination)

Questions answered	Office use
Question 1 (Section A)	
Question 2 or 3 (Section B)	
TOTAL	40

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer Question 1 (Section A) and either Question 2 or Question 3 (Section B).

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Use supplementary sheets when there is insufficient room in this booklet. Write your name at the top of each supplementary sheet, indicating clearly the number of the question you answer. Put the supplementary sheets inside this booklet.

You must hand in this answer booklet *separately* at the end of the examination.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication.

Your answers must be relevant and must make full use of the information given to be awarded full marks for a question.

You are reminded that you should always support your answers using your knowledge and understanding of the topic chosen.

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

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THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1929 - 1945

Answer Question 1 (Section A), and either Question 2 or Question 3 (Section B).

SECTION A

Answer all parts of this question.

1. Study Source A below and then answer the question which follows.

Source A

'In 1929 the price of shares on the New York Stock Exchange (Wall Street) fell so severely that thousands of banks and businesses went bankrupt. The USA stopped all loans to European countries. This hit the UK economy very badly.'

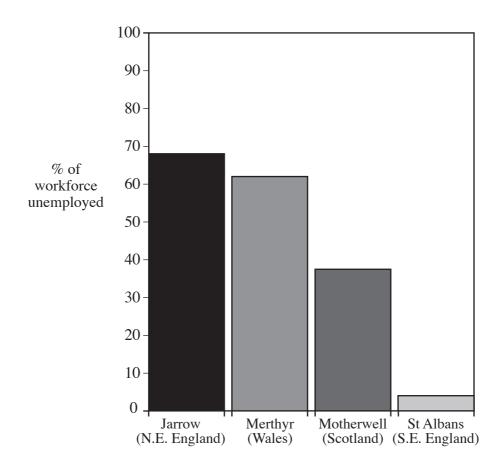
[From a modern school history text-book]

(a)	Use Source A to explain what is meant by the 'Wall Street crash'.	[2]
(b)	Describe how the UK government helped industry in the 1930s.	[4]
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(c) Study Source B which shows the percentage (%) of workers unemployed in four UK towns in 1934 and then answer the question that follows.

Source B

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How useful is Source B to an historian studying unemployment in the UK in the 1930s? [4]

Turn over.

(d) Study Source C below and then answer the question which follows.

Source C

'The 1930s were a time of great hardship and personal suffering for thousands of people. However there were at least three-quarters of the population in work in the 1930s, and for most of the period considerably more people were in work. Alongside the pictures of dole queues must be placed a truer picture of the UK, a UK of new industries, prosperous towns and cities, increased job opportunities and a rapidly rising standard of living.'

[From Stevenson and Cook, two historians writing in their school history text-book, called *The UK in the Depression* (1994)]

In Source C the authors are suggesting that, for most people, the 1930s were years of prosperity and rising living standards. Is this a fair interpretation? [6]
In your answer you should give arguments for and against this view. You should also comment on the authorship of the source and use your own knowledge.

(e)	How important were Depression in the 1930s Explain your answer fu	s? lly.	 mg.mg.mg	[8]

SECTION B

Answer either Question 2 or Question 3.

2. Look at the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

INFORMATION

Enormous numbers of people were evacuated. Nearly 1·5 million people moved in September 1939. Most of these were moved in one weekend. The country's whole transport system was taken over by evacuation for four days. Altogether nearly 5 million people were evacuated in total.

(a)	Explain why evacuation was introduced in 1939.	[4]
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(b)	Describe the air-raid precautions used during World War Two.	[4]
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	'Keeping up people's morale was the most important role of the 1939-1945.' How far do you agree with this statement?	[8]
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3. Look at the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

INFORMATION

Despite the hardship of the 1930s, many people were actually better off in many ways. Women had more freedom and some working men found themselves with more time and money on their hands. British society began to change and so did its culture.

, ,	Explain why there was a growth in leisure time in the period 1929-1945.	[4]
(b)	Describe the new leisure opportunities in the period 1929-1945.	[4]

	'Everyone's lives were sign after 1929'. How far do you agree with the	nis statement?		[8]
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END OF SECTION B

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