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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.
  - Section A: European option
  - Section B: American option
  - Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.

Section A: European Option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

1 France, 1774–1814

(a) Explain why the Estates General was not able to deal with the issues France faced. [10]

(b) How far did Napoleon as First Consul, 1799–1804, maintain the principles of the Revolution? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why some of the lower classes resisted mechanisation. [10]

(b) To what extent did transport developments bring about industrialisation? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the New Economic Policy was introduced in 1921. [10]

(b) 'Failure to achieve peace caused the fall of the Provisional Government in October 1917.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

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Section B: American Option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why the involvement of foreign powers prolonged the Civil War. [10]

(b) To what extent was Johnson to blame for the disagreements with Congress over Reconstruction? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s to 1920

(a) Explain why Progressives wanted to amend the Constitution in the years before 1920. [10]

(b) 'The consequences of urbanisation in the late nineteenth century were dealt with effectively.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

6 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41

(a) Explain why Roosevelt began his presidency with a 'Hundred Days' plan. [10]

(b) How far were government policies during the 1920s responsible for the Great Crash? [20]

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Section C: International Option

International history, 1870–1945

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919

(a) Explain why Germany was increasingly interested in having an overseas empire after 1880. [10]

(b) To what extent had Japan become a world power by the end of the First World War? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s

(a) Explain why there was no improvement in Franco–German relations before 1924. [10]

(b) How successful was the USSR in establishing links with other European powers in the 1920s? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941. [10]

(b) 'The most important outcome of the Long March was the emergence of Mao Zedong as leader of the Chinese Communist Party.' How far do you agree? [20]

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