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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

1 France, 1774–1814

(a) Explain why Napoleon introduced the Civil Code. [10]

(b) 'Louis XVI brought about his own downfall.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why railways increased industrialisation. [10]

(b) How far was the political system changed by the Industrial Revolution in the period 1800–50? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the Bolshevik government used terror. [10]

(b) 'Between 1906–14 the Tsarist regime had overcome the opposition to it.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

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Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why Grant was appointed commander of the Union forces in March 1864. [10]

(b) 'The Compromise of 1877 was agreed because Reconstruction had failed.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the growth of railroads was important to the economy in the late nineteenth century. [10]

(b) To what extent was social improvement the aim of the Progressive Movement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the Great Depression lasted for so long. [10]

(b) 'Opposition from the Supreme Court was the most significant challenge faced by Roosevelt's New Deal.' How far do you agree? [20]

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Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

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

(a) Explain why the Fashoda incident led to an improvement in Anglo–French relations. [10]

(b) 'The interests of big business were the key to changes in US foreign policy in the late nineteenth century.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the French were dissatisfied with the Treaty of Versailles. [10]

(b) How successful was the League of Nations in settling international territorial disputes in the 1920s? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why war broke out between Japan and China in 1937. [10]

(b) How important was militarism in the failure of democracy in Japan in the 1930s? [20]

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