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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 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why the development of steam power was important to the Industrial Revolution. [10]

(b) 'All social classes benefited from the Industrial Revolution.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why the creation of the German Confederation discouraged the development of German nationalism. [10]

(b) To what extent was the Frankfurt Parliament's failure caused by disagreements amongst its members? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the Russian Civil War broke out in 1918. [10]

(b) How far was the February Revolution of 1917 caused by the Tsar's lack of commitment to reform? [20]

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Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 The origins of the Civil War, 1820–61

(a) Explain why seven states had seceded from the Union by February 1861. [10]

(b) To what extent were increased sectional tensions between 1850 and 1856 caused by the violence seen in 'Bleeding Kansas'? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why leaders were accused of being anti-democratic during the Civil War. [10]

(b) 'Grant made Reconstruction a success.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why new industries grew rapidly during the 1920s. [10]

(b) To what extent was opposition to the New Deal effective? [20]

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Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

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

(a) Explain why the successor states of eastern Europe faced political problems in the 1920s. [10]

(b) How far did the Locarno Treaties improve European international relations in the 1920s? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1930s

(a) Explain why Hitler supported the Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War. [10]

(b) To what extent was the League's failure to prevent Mussolini's attack on Abyssinia caused by Britain's reluctance to take action against him? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why the Chinese Communist Party was able to build a strong base in Yan'an. [10]

(b) 'Economic problems were the main cause of Japanese expansionism in the 1930s.' How far do you agree? [20]

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