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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 became emperor in 1804. [10]

(b) 'Taxes caused the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why Prussia faced a constitutional crisis in 1862. [10]

(b) How far did the humiliation of Olmütz establish a dominant position in Germany for Austria? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why Stolypin introduced his agricultural reforms. [10]

(b) 'Control over Petrograd and Moscow was the most important reason for the Bolsheviks' victory in the Russian Civil War.' How far do you agree? [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 the Dred Scott decision caused anger in Northern states. [10]

(b) 'The entry of Texas into the Union was the biggest threat to the Missouri Compromise.' How far do you agree? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why there was Northern support for Congressional Reconstruction after 1866. [10]

(b) To what extent were civil liberties limited in the North during the Civil War? [20]

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

(a) Explain why electric power was important to rapid industrialisation in this period. [10]

(b) How significant a consequence of industrialisation after 1870 was the rise of organised labour? [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 US foreign policy became more imperialistic after 1898. [10]

(b) To what extent was the Boxer Rebellion a response to European imperialism in the late nineteenth century? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the Soviet Union was a member of the League of Nations only from 1934 until 1939. [10]

(b) To what extent was the Nazi–Soviet Pact responsible for the outbreak of the Second World War? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Chiang Kai-shek was placed under arrest by his own generals in 1936. [10]

(b) 'The Paris Peace Conference saw Japan accepted as one of the Great Powers.' How far do you agree? [20]

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