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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 the storming of the Bastille happened. [10]

(b) 'Napoleon was able to maintain his power by using propaganda.' How far do you agree? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why the Prussian revolutionaries of 1848 failed. [10]

(b) 'The Zollverein was the most important factor in the growth of German nationalism in the period from 1834 to 1850.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the Constituent Assembly was dissolved in January 1918. [10]

(b) 'Nicholas II's decision in 1915 to take personal command of the army caused him to lose power in February 1917.' 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 it took a decade for the independent Republic of Texas to join the Union. [10]

(b) To what extent was Lincoln's victory in the 1860 election the result of the growing belief in the 'slave power'? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why the governments of both the North and the South attempted to limit civil liberties between 1861 and 1865. [10]

(b) How significant was the impact of the constitutional amendments of 1865–70? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Progressive presidents changed the laws governing business. [10]

(b) 'The expansion of railroads caused the rapid industrialisation of the late nineteenth century.' 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 increasing contact with foreign powers led to significant changes within Japan in the late nineteenth century. [10]

(b) 'It was popular support that encouraged European governments to pursue imperialist policies.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the World Disarmament Conference (1932–34) ended without agreement. [10]

(b) 'Germany became involved in the Spanish Civil War to test its new military equipment.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why the attempt to establish parliamentary democracy in Japan failed. [10]

(b) To what extent does dissatisfaction with the outcome of the First World War explain the May Fourth Movement? [20]

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