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**HISTORY** **9489/23**

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**1 hour 45 minutes**

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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 Jacobins fell from power in 1794. [10]

**(b)** 'Repressive rather than reformist.' How far do you agree with this view of Napoleon's regime? [20]

**2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850**

**(a)** Explain why the factory system was important in the development of the Industrial Revolution in Britain. [10]

**(b)** 'The Swing Riots were a response to economic hardship.' How far do you agree? [20]

**3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921**

**(a)** Explain why Lenin issued his April Theses. [10]

**(b)** 'By 1914 the Tsarist regime was secure.' How far do you agree? [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 the Confederacy was able to resist the Union for four years. [10]

**(b)** 'Sharecropping was the main reason there was little change in the position of ex-slaves in the South.' How valid is this view of the Reconstruction period? [20]

### 5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s–1920

**(a)** Explain why Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell were able to become successful businessmen. [10]

**(b)** To what extent do you agree that the 'boss' system was responsible for poor living conditions in cities in the late nineteenth century? [20]

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

**(a)** Explain why Roosevelt needed to encourage Southern Democrats to support the New Deal coalition. [10]

**(b)** 'Overproduction was the most serious problem facing US agriculture in the 1920s.' 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 Jameson Raid led to worsening relations between Britain and Germany. [10]

**(b)** 'The closing of the frontier was responsible for the change in the United States' attitude towards overseas expansion.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

**(a)** Explain why the terms of the Treaty of Sèvres were unpopular with Turks. [10]

**(b)** 'Relations between Germany and France were unfriendly during the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

### 9 China and Japan, 1912–45

**(a)** Explain why Japan's international policies during the 1930s became increasingly aggressive. [10]

**(b)** To what extent was Yuan Shih-kai responsible for the failure to establish a strong central government in China after the 1911 Revolution? [20]

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