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HISTORY **9489/41**

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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 history in the interwar years, 1919–41

1 'Mussolini only became prime minister because of the impact of the First World War on Italy.' Assess this view. [30]

2 'Trotsky's mistakes and weaknesses were the main reason for Stalin's rise to power by 1928.' Discuss this view. [30]

3 Analyse the extent to which the lives of women and children were improved as a result of Nazi policies in the years 1933 to 1941. [30]

4 'British governments followed a policy of appeasement in the 1930s because it was popular with the public.' Assess this view. [30]

Section B: The history of the USA, 1944–92

5 'Progress towards greater civil rights in the 1950s was mainly brought about by federal institutions.' Evaluate this view. [30]

6 Assess the political importance of the Watergate affair in the 1970s. [30]

7 Analyse the reasons for the increased concerns about drug abuse in the 1980s and 1990s. [30]

8 Evaluate how far relations between China and the United States improved in the years 1963 to 1979. [30]

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Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 'The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the main cause of the Second Cold War.' Discuss this view. [30]

10 Assess the extent to which Cold War hostility was responsible for the United States' growing involvement in Vietnam in the years 1954 to 1968. [30]

11 'The People's Republic of China's support for nationalist movements in Africa was mainly motivated by its rivalry with the USSR.' Discuss this view. [30]

12 'The most important contribution to the Arab–Israeli peace process in the 1970s was made by Anwar Sadat.' Discuss this view. [30]

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