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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 France experienced the 'Reign of Terror' between 1792 and 1794. [10]

(b) To what extent did the ideas of the Enlightenment cause the outbreak of the Revolution in 1789? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why canals were important to the development of the Industrial Revolution. [10]

(b) After 1800, how far did governments use repression to respond to the demands for change caused by industrialisation? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why Lenin's leadership was important to Bolshevik success in October 1917. [10]

(b) 'Political issues caused the 1905 Revolution.' 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 Congress pursued a policy of 'Radical Reconstruction' from 1867. [10]

(b) To what extent was superior military strategy the reason for the North's victory in the Civil War? [20]

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

(a) Explain why there was a rise in organised farming groups in the late nineteenth century. [10]

(b) 'Wilson did more to achieve Progressive aims than other Progressive presidents.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the US economy experienced problems in 1937–38. [10]

(b) To what extent were structural weaknesses in the US economy to blame for the Great Crash of 1929? [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 USA needed to expand its naval resources after the Spanish–American War. [10]

(b) To what extent were economic motives the reason for imperial expansion amongst the major European nations in the late nineteenth century? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the League of Nations was involved in Eastern Europe in the 1920s. [10]

(b) How successful was the Washington Naval Conference of 1921–22? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Japan joined the Anti-Comintern Pact. [10]

(b) How important was the war against Japan in strengthening the position of the Chinese Communist Party by 1945? [20]

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