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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 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why many people in Britain supported the idea of free trade. [10]

(b) To what extent was industrialisation caused by technological changes? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why Prussia went to war with Denmark in 1864. [10]

(b) To what extent was the development of German nationalism in the period 1815–50 brought about by cultural factors? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why Trotsky was important for Bolshevik success in October 1917. [10]

(b) How far was the 1905 Revolution caused by economic discontent? [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 Whig Party declined rapidly in the 1850s. [10]

(b) How successful was the Missouri Compromise? [20]

5 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

(a) Explain why the availability of resources was important to the outcome of the Civil War. [10]

(b) 'The main reason for the Emancipation Proclamation was Lincoln's desire to end slavery.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why many on the liberal left opposed the New Deal. [10]

(b) To what extent was lack of government regulation to blame for the Great Crash? [20]

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Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

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

(a) Explain why Germany suffered an economic crisis in the early 1920s. [10]

(b) 'The structure of the League was the main reason for its weakness in the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Hitler doubted that Britain and France would go to war in support of Poland in September 1939. [10]

(b) 'The World Disarmament Conference failed because of French refusal to consider significant disarmament.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Japan became an expansionist power in the 1930s. [10]

(b) To what extent had the Kuomintang succeeded in establishing control over China by 1928? [20]

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