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HISTORY

Paper 2 Outline Study

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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 [].

This document has **4** pages.

Answer two questions from one section only.

Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

1 France, 1774–1814

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(a) Explain why Louis XVI issued the edict of 24 January 1789, summoning the Estates	General. [10]
(b) To what extent was the Directory a failure?	[20]
The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850	
(a) Explain why there was rapid urbanisation in the period 1750–1850.	[10]

(b) 'The availability of energy sources was the most important reason Britain experienced an Industrial Revolution.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a)	Explain why the Franco–Prussian War broke out in 1870.	[10]
(b)	How strong was German nationalism by 1850?	[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 Compromise of 1850 was agreed. [10]
- (b) To what extent was the growing strength of abolitionism the reason for Lincoln's victory in the 1860 presidential election? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why temperance was a popular idea amongst Progressives. [10]
- (b) 'New technology was the main cause of industrial growth in the late nineteenth century.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why the 1920s saw a growth in consumerism. [10]
- (b) 'The need for a Second New Deal showed that the First had been a failure.' 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 Japan's military strength developed rapidly in the later nineteenth century. [10]
- (b) 'Imperial expansion created more cooperation than conflict between the Great Powers before 1914.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why the League of Nations had limited success in the 1920s. [10]
- (b) 'The peace settlement of 1919–20 succeeded in creating stability in Eastern Europe.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why the Great Depression encouraged the rise of political extremism in Europe. [10]
- (b) How successful was the Non-Intervention Agreement of August 1936 in preventing foreign involvement in the Spanish Civil War? [20]

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