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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

- (a) Explain why the September Massacres of 1792 happened. [10]
- (b) How far was the passing of the August Decrees in 1789 caused by ideas of the Enlightenment? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

- (a) Explain why the Swing riots happened. [10]
- (b) 'The factory system was the main reason for the rapid development of industry after 1780.' To what extent do you agree? [20]

3 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

- (a) Explain why Bismarck was appointed Minister President of Prussia in 1862. [10]
- (b) 'Austrian opposition was the main obstacle to German unification in the period 1815–50.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820–1941

4 The origins of the Civil War, 1820–61

- (a) Explain why the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was difficult to implement. [10]
- (b) 'The election of Lincoln was the reason the Civil War began in April 1861.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why new inventions were important to the rapid industrialisation of the late nineteenth century. [10]
- (b) 'The impact of the Progressive Movement was significant.' 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 Roosevelt put together the New Deal Coalition. [10]
- (b) 'Overproduction was the most significant weakness of the US economy in the 1920s.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919

- (a) Explain why the Boxer Rebellion occurred in China between 1899 and 1901. [10]
- (b) To what extent was tension over South Africa between Britain and Germany a result of economic rivalry? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why the Genoa Conference failed to improve international relations. [10]
- (b) 'The League of Nations enjoyed considerable success in dealing with international conflict in the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why Hitler wanted to achieve Anschluss with Austria. [10]
- (b) To what extent did British policy towards the USSR change during the 1930s? [20]

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