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HISTORY

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Paper 2 Outline study

For examination from 2021

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes



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

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

1 France, 1774–1814

(a) Explain why the Estates General was called in 1789. [10]

(b) To what extent did the Directory ‘abandon the revolution’? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why the Industrial Revolution caused urbanisation. [10]

(b) ‘The steam engine was the main cause of the Industrial Revolution.’ How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why there was a revolution in Russia in 1905. [10]

(b) ‘The most important reason for the success of the Bolsheviks in October 1917 was the mistakes of the Provisional Government.’ How valid is this view? [20]

Section B: American option**The history of the USA, 1820–1941**

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877

(a) Explain why the Civil War lasted for four years. [10]

(b) How far had the position of ex-slaves improved by 1877? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, 1870s–1920

(a) Explain why the prohibition movement gained support. [10]

(b) How successful were Theodore Roosevelt's Progressive reforms? [20]

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

(a) Explain why there was a Great Crash in 1929. [10]

(b) 'By the late 1930s the New Deal had been destroyed by opposition.' How far do you agree? [20]

Section C: International option**International history, 1870–1945**

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

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

(a) Explain why European nations engaged in a ‘scramble for Africa’ during the late nineteenth century. [10]

(b) To what extent had the USA become a world power by 1914? [20]

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

(a) Explain why the Dawes Plan was introduced in 1924. [10]

(b) ‘The Agencies were the most effective part of the League of Nations in the 1920s.’ How far do you agree with this view? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why the May the Fourth Movement occurred. [10]

(b) To what extent was dissatisfaction with the Kuomintang the main reason for the growth in support for communism in China during the 1930s? [20]

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