

**ADVANCED GCE****HISTORY**

Themes in History 1763–1996

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

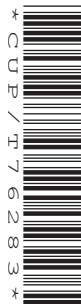
OCR Supplied Materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet
- Insert (inserted)

Other Materials Required:

None

Thursday 29 January 2009
Morning

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Every question is marked out of **60**.
- This paper contains questions on the following five Options:
 - Britain 1793–1921 (page 2)
 - Britain 1834–1996 (page 3)
 - Europe 1792–1919 (page 4)
 - Europe 1855–1956 (page 5)
 - America 1763–1980 (page 6)
- Each Option has one or more Themes. Each Theme has three questions.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Candidates are expected to demonstrate understanding of the issues in **each** of their selected questions over a period of **at least one hundred years** (unless an individual question specifies a slightly shorter period).
- Candidates are reminded of the synoptic nature of this Unit. Answers are required to demonstrate understanding of the processes of historical continuity, development and change across the **full breadth** of the period studied.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Britain 1793–1921

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Key Theme: Britain and Ireland 1798–1921

- 1 Assess the reasons why Sinn Fein was more successful than other groups in achieving the aims of revolutionary nationalism in the period from 1798 to 1921.
- 2 'The First Home Rule Bill of 1886 was the **most** important turning-point in the history of the Union with Ireland.' How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1800 to 1921?
- 3 'Coercion proved more effective than concession in maintaining the Union with Ireland.' How far do you agree with reference to the period from 1800 to 1921?

Key Theme: War and Society in Britain 1793–1918

- 4 'Reform of the army and navy was **mainly** driven by the need to recruit.' How far would you agree with reference to the period from 1793 to 1918?
- 5 To what extent were imperial interests the **main** factor in determining Britain's naval and military strategy in the period from 1793 to 1918?
- 6 How effectively was war opposed in Britain in the period from 1793 to 1918?

Britain 1834–1996

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Key Theme: Poor Law to Welfare State 1834–1948

- 7 To what extent were Liberal social reforms (1906–14) the most important turning point in the approach of governments to poverty from 1834 to 1948?
- 8 Assess the reasons why governments struggled to deal with public health issues from 1834 to 1948.
- 9 To what extent were government welfare policies influenced by a genuine concern to improve the lives of the population from 1834 to 1948?

Key Theme: The Development of Democracy in Britain 1868–1992

- 10 To what extent was the development of the Labour party **mostly** dependent on economic and social change during the period from 1868 to 1992?
- 11 'Parliamentary reform was the **most** important influence on the development of democracy from 1868 to 1992'. How far do you agree with this statement?
- 12 To what extent was the First World War the **main** turning point in changing the social and political roles of women during the period from 1868 to 1992?

Key Theme: The Development of the Mass Media 1896–1996

- 13 'American influence on the development of the mass media in Britain was limited.' How far do you agree with this view on the period from 1896 to 1996?
- 14 To what extent did the role and importance of the press change from 1896 to 1996 because of the emergence of radio and then television?
- 15 To what extent did governments and politicians successfully adapt to the challenges posed by the growth of the mass media from 1896 to 1996?

Europe 1792–1919

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Key Theme: The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792–1918

- 16 To what extent did technological change revolutionise warfare in the period from 1792 to 1918?
- 17 To what extent did superior planning and preparation determine success in war in the period from 1792 to 1918?
- 18 To what extent was Napoleon the **most** important influence on the development of generalship in the period from 1792 to 1918?

Key Theme: The Challenge of German Nationalism 1815–1919

- 19 Assess the view that the Prussian victory over Austria in 1866 was the **most** important turning-point in the growth of German nationalism in the period from 1815 to 1919.
- 20 'German nationalists had little influence on the creation and development of Germany from 1815 to 1919'. To what extent do you agree with this view?
- 21 Assess the view that the German nation was just as divided from 1871 to 1919 as it was from 1815 to 1870.

Europe 1855–1956

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Key Theme: Russian Dictatorship 1855–1956

- 22** Assess the view that the urban working classes of Russia were treated worse by the communist rulers than by the Tsars during this period.
- 23** 'Reluctant reformers.' How far do you agree with this view of the rulers of Russia in the period from 1855 to 1956?
- 24** Assess the reasons why opponents of Russian governments were rarely successful in the period from 1855 to 1956.

America 1763–1980

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Key Theme: The Struggle for the Constitution 1763–1877

- 25 How far were constitutional changes a result of developments in US society in the period from 1763 to 1877?
- 26 To what extent did the US Constitution contribute to sectional conflict within the USA from 1787 to 1877?
- 27 Assess the view that the presidency gained political power at the expense of both Congress and the Supreme Court from 1789 to 1877.

Key Theme: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1980

- 28 Assess the view that the actions of White supremacist groups were the **main** reason why African Americans were denied their civil rights from 1865 to 1980.
- 29 To what extent were Asian and Hispanic Americans denied their full civil rights from 1865 to 1980?
- 30 How far was the Inter-War Period (1919–1941) the **most** important turning-point in the development of Native American rights?

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