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## **History**

**Assessment Unit A2 1**

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**Module 4**

**[A2H11]**



**TUESDAY 13 JANUARY, AFTERNOON**

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### **TIME**

1 hour 30 minutes.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions on your chosen option.  
Indicate clearly on your answer booklet which option you have chosen.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 60.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
All questions carry equal marks, i.e. 30 marks for each question.

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

**Option 1      SPAIN AND EUROPE 1556–1592**

- 1 “Philip II was responsible for the economic problems Spain experienced between 1556 and 1592.” To what extent would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 2 How far would you agree that the Perez affair was the most serious internal threat to Philip II’s authority as ruler of Spain between 1556 and 1592? [30]
  
- 3 To what extent was Philip II’s foreign policy in the period 1556–1592 motivated by religious considerations? [30]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

**Option 2 THE ASCENDANCY OF FRANCE IN EUROPE 1688–1713**

- 1** How far would you agree that the terms of the Peace of Ryswick did not accurately reflect the events of the War of the League of Augsburg? [30]
  
- 2** “Marlborough’s military successes during the War of the Spanish Succession owed more to the limitations of the French than to his own abilities.” How far would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 3** To what extent would you agree that France had more reason to be satisfied with the Treaties of Utrecht and Radstaat than any other power? [30]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

**Option 3      REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE 1789–1814**

- 1** To what extent did the financial problems facing Louis XVI cause the revolution in France in 1789? [30]
  
- 2** “The Civil Constitution of the Clergy was the most important reason for the failure of constitutional monarchy in France by 1793.” How far would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 3** “Napoleon I achieved all his objectives in domestic policy between 1799 and 1814.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [30]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

**Option 4 THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY 1848–1871**

- 1 How consistent were Bismarck's political objectives between 1862 and 1871? [30]
  
- 2 "France was mainly to blame for the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870." How far would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 3 "Prussia's economic strength was the most important reason for the unification of Germany in 1871." To what extent would you agree with this statement? [30]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

**Option 5 THE CAUSES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1918–1941**

- 1 How far was German foreign policy between 1919 and 1939 influenced by a determination to revise the terms of the Treaty of Versailles? [30]
  
- 2 “The withdrawal of the USA and the USSR from active European diplomacy in the period 1920–1939 was the most important cause of the Second World War.” To what extent would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 3 “Economic factors were the most significant cause of the rivalry and war between Japan and the USA in the period 1920–1941.” How far would you agree with this statement? [30]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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