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## **History**

**Assessment Unit A2 1**

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**Module 4**

**[A2H11]**



**THURSDAY 14 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 How successful was Philip II's policy towards the Church in Spain in the period 1556–1592? [30]
  
- 2 How effectively did Philip II respond to the economic and financial problems Spain faced between 1556 and 1592? [30]
  
- 3 "Religious differences were responsible for the outbreak of war between Spain and England in 1585." How far would you accept this verdict? [30]

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

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

- 1 “France was entirely responsible for the outbreak of the War of the League of Augsburg in 1689.” How far would you agree with this statement? [30]
  
- 2 “Marlborough’s tactics became predictable to his opponents.” To what extent would you accept this explanation for his more limited military successes against France after 1708? [30]
  
- 3 How far had the power of France in Europe been reduced by 1713? [30]

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

**Option 3 REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE 1789–1814**

- 1 “Economic problems were solely responsible for the revolution in France in 1789.” How far would you accept this verdict? [30]
  
- 2 “The actions of Louis XVI were solely responsible for the failure of constitutional monarchy in France by 1793.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [30]
  
- 3 “Napoleon I enjoyed more successes than failures in his domestic policy in the period 1799–1814.” How far would you agree with this verdict? [30]

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

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

- 1 How far did economic factors influence the outcome of the Austro-Prussian War of 1866? [30]
  
- 2 How much credit can Bismarck take for the decision of the European powers not to become involved in the Danish and Franco-Prussian Wars? [30]
  
- 3 “Moltke made a greater contribution than Roon to the unification of Germany.” How far 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 “The aims of Weimar and Nazi Germany were similar yet the methods they used in attempting to achieve them were different.” How far would you agree with this assessment of German foreign policy in the period 1919–1941? [30]
  
- 2 To what extent would you accept that Hitler combined consistency of aims with opportunism in tactics in his conduct of Nazi foreign policy in the period 1933–1941? [30]
  
- 3 “The failure to create a lasting peace settlement at Versailles was the most important cause of the Second World War.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [30]

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

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