

Cambridge International AS & A Level

HISTORY 9489/21

Paper 2 Outline Study

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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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Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

	1	The Industrial	Revolution i	n Britain	, 1750–1850
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- (a) Explain why many people in Britain supported the idea of free trade. [10]
- (b) To what extent was industrialisation caused by technological changes? [20]

2 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

- (a) Explain why Prussia went to war with Denmark in 1864. [10]
- (b) To what extent was the development of German nationalism in the period 1815–50 brought about by cultural factors? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

- (a) Explain why Trotsky was important for Bolshevik success in October 1917. [10]
- (b) How far was the 1905 Revolution caused by economic discontent? [20]

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Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820-1941

4	The origins of the Civil War, 1820–61				
	(a) E	Explain why the Whig Party declined rapidly in the 1850s.	[10]		
	(b) H	How successful was the Missouri Compromise?	[20]		
5	Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77				
	(a) E	Explain why the availability of resources was important to the outcome of the Civil War.	[10]		
	(b) 'The main reason for the Emancipation Proclamation was Lincoln's desire to end sl How far do you agree?		ery.' [20]		
6	The C	Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41			
	(a) E	Explain why many on the liberal left opposed the New Deal.	[10]		
	(b) T	o what extent was lack of government regulation to blame for the Great Crash?	[20]		

Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

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

(a) Explain why Germany suffered an economic crisis in the early 1920s.

[10]

(b) 'The structure of the League was the main reason for its weakness in the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

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

- (a) Explain why Hitler doubted that Britain and France would go to war in support of Poland in September 1939. [10]
- (b) 'The World Disarmament Conference failed because of French refusal to consider significant disarmament.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

(a) Explain why Japan became an expansionist power in the 1930s.

[10]

(b) To what extent had the Kuomintang succeeded in establishing control over China by 1928? [20]

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