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Paper 1c British History Outlines, c.1760–c.2010

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SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 15 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: 1760–1815

- 1 Assess the effectiveness of George III as monarch in the 1760s.
- 2 Which better explains the British defeat in the war of 1775–1783: American military strengths or foreign intervention?
- 3 'The greatest achievement of Pitt the Younger's peacetime governments in the years 1784–1793 was the restoration of national finances.' Was it?
- 4 How important is the impact of the French Revolution in explaining the political difficulties of the Whigs during the 1790s?
- 5 How much did British sea power contribute to the defeat of Napoleon?

Section 2: 1815–1868

- 6 How radical was liberal Toryism?
- 7 Did the Congress System bring Britain any benefits?
- 8 'Grey's government passed the Great Reform Act of 1832 in order to strengthen, rather than to weaken, aristocratic rule in Britain.' Discuss.
- 9 Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Peel government in the period 1841–1846.
- 10 Do political or economic factors better explain the emergence of Chartism in the later 1830s?

Section 3: 1868–1914

- 11 'Conservative domestic policies in the years 1874–1880 were driven more by considerations of party advantage than by national interest.' Were they?
- 12 How successful were the foreign and imperial policies (excluding Ireland) of Gladstone's first two governments (1868–1874 and 1880–1885)?
- 13 What best explains why the Conservative party was such a dominant political force in the years 1886–1905?
- 14 How great were changes in Britain's trade union movement in the period c.1880–1914?
- 15 'The gravest domestic crisis faced by Asquith's governments in the years 1908–1914.' Discuss this view of the clash with the House of Lords (1909–1911).

Section 4: 1914–1945

- 16 How important was the Home Front to Britain's war effort in the years 1914–1918?
- 17 What best explains the collapse of Lloyd George's coalition government in 1922?
- 18 To what extent were the advances made by the Labour Party in the period 1918–1931 dependent on the weaknesses of the Liberal Party?
- 19 Why, in the inter-war period, was Britain unable to manage growing pressure for Indian independence?
- 20 'In the years 1940–1945, Churchill was a flawed wartime leader.' How valid is this judgement?

Section 5: 1945–2010

- 21 'The domestic policies of the Labour government of 1945–1950 were socialist in name only.' Were they?
- 22 How successfully did Conservative domestic policies in the 1950s promote economic prosperity and social cohesion in the United Kingdom?
- 23 How successful were Wilson's domestic policies in the period 1964–1970?
- 24 Assess the effectiveness of Thatcher's European policy.
- 25 Did the strengths of New Labour's domestic policies outweigh their weaknesses in the years 1997–2010?

Section 6: Themes

- 26 What best explains why religion was such a controversial issue in Victorian Britain?
- 27 Was the British economy 'damagingly depressed' in the years 1880–1914?
- 28 Assess the impact of immigration on British society in the twentieth century.
- 29 What best explains the importance of poetry for the Victorians?
- 30 To what extent did opportunities for the involvement of women in political life increase in the years 1867–1914?

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