



ADVANCED GCE UNIT HISTORY

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Independent Investigation (Open Book Examination)

Exam to be sat on any day selected by each centre from Monday 13 April to Friday 8 May 2009.

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

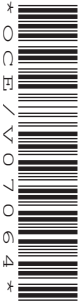
OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

- Candidates books and notes

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.
- Write your answer, in blue or black ink, in the separate Answer Booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Candidates may use their notes and books in this coursework examination. Notes **should not be** handed in with the Answer Booklet.
- Every question is marked out of 90.
- Candidates may confine their answer to one country or draw from several countries. The choice is theirs.
- Candidates may not discuss any period **before** 768 AD.
- Candidates should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- In their essay, candidates must **either** use and evaluate primary and/or secondary source material relevant to their chosen question **or** explain and evaluate interpretations of the historical events and topics studied, **or** both.
- Footnotes giving the source of quotations are optional.
- Candidates should end their essay with their bibliography. This may be typed out ahead of the exam and then attached to the answer book with a tag.
- This document consists of **2** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **one** question.

1 The Arts and History

Choose any television programme (or series of programmes) dealing with the past and evaluate its strengths and weaknesses as an historical interpretation.

2 Economic History

To what extent was economic change the main cause of historical development in the period you have studied?

3 The Individual in History

How far would you agree with the view that the significant achievements of any period you have studied owed more to groups than to individuals?

4 Local History

Assess the usefulness of evidence from a local site for interpreting a similar development on a regional or national scale.

5 Military History

With reference to any battle or campaign you have studied, how far was the outcome attributable to the tactics and strategy employed by the winning side?

6 Political History

With reference to any regime you have studied, assess how far its effectiveness was dependent on the co-operation of a 'political elite'.

7 Religious History

Assess the relative importance of religious factors as a cause of any historical event or conflict you have studied.

8 Science, Technology and History

Assess the relative importance of science and technology in changing the lives of ordinary people in any period you have studied.

9 Social History

To what extent did the growth of towns result in social progress in any period you have studied?

10 World History

'On the whole, the influence of European civilization on other parts of the world has been beneficial.' How far is this true of any period you have studied?



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