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**HISTORY**

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Paper 2 Outline Study

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only. Answer **both** parts of the questions.  
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, 1789–1917**

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

**1 France, 1789–1814**

- (a) Why did the working-class people in Paris play such an important part in the Revolution? [10]
- (b) 'Napoleon had the support of his army.' How far does this explain the success of the Brumaire coup d'état of 1799? [20]

**2 The Industrial Revolution, c.1800–c.1890**

- (a) Why did working-class movements develop in this period? [10]
- (b) How important was technological innovation in bringing about the Industrial Revolution? Refer to any **two** countries from Britain, France and Germany in your answer. [20]

**3 The Origins of World War I, 1900–1914**

- (a) Why were there wars in the Balkans in 1912–13? [10]
- (b) 'Its members wanted to protect their empires.' How far does this explain the formation of the Triple Entente in 1907? [20]

**4 The Russian Revolution, c.1894–1917**

- (a) Why did the October Manifesto of 1905 produce little change in Russia by 1914? [10]
- (b) 'Kerensky's government lacked popular support.' How far does this explain Bolshevik success in the Revolution of October 1917? [20]

**Section B: American Option****The History of the USA, 1840–1941**

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

**5 The Expansion of US Power from the 1840s to the 1930s**

(a) Why did the peace settlement with Mexico in 1848 divide opinion in the USA? [10]

(b) 'The United States' involvement in the First World War marked its emergence as a world power.' How far do you agree? [20]

**6 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877**

(a) Why, in 1867, did the US Congress divide the South into five military districts? [10]

(b) 'The North's initial strategy, known as the Anaconda Plan, was a failure.' How far do you agree? [20]

**7 The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, from the 1870s to the 1920s**

(a) Why, by 1914, had some states granted women full voting rights? [10]

(b) How far did the domestic reforms of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Robert Taft fulfil Progressive goals? [20]

**8 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal, from the 1920s to 1941**

(a) Why did share prices increase rapidly in the 1920s? [10]

(b) 'President Franklin Roosevelt's domestic policies undermined free market capitalism.' How far do you agree? [20]

## Section C: International Option

### International Relations, 1871–1945

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

#### 9 International Relations, 1871–1918

- (a) Why did Russia begin a full mobilisation of its armed forces on 30 July 1914? [10]
- (b) How important was the Panama Canal in the development of US foreign policy between 1890 and 1914? [20]

#### 10 International Relations, 1919–1933

- (a) Why did Italy fail to achieve its aims at the Paris peace settlement? [10]
- (b) How successful were the Dawes and Young Plans? [20]

#### 11 International Relations, 1933–1939

- (a) Why did Britain and France fail to challenge Hitler's reintroduction of conscription? [10]
- (b) 'It was foreign intervention that determined the outcome of the Spanish Civil War.' How far do you agree? [20]

#### 12 China and Japan, 1919–1945

- (a) Why did the Chinese Communist Party survive Chiang Kai-shek's attempt to destroy it? [10]
- (b) How significant was the war in Europe to Japan's decision to launch a series of offensive strikes in December 1941? [20]

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