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HISTORY

European and World History Period Studies
Option B: Modern 1795–2003

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009: Morning
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.**
- **Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **This paper contains questions on the following ten Study Topics:**
 - **Napoleon, France and Europe 1795–1815**
 - **Monarchy, Republic and Empire: France 1814–1870**
 - **The USA in the 19th Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890**
 - **Peace and War: International Relations c.1890–1941**
 - **From Autocracy to Communism: Russia 1894–1941**
 - **Democracy and Dictatorship: Italy 1896–1943**
 - **The Rise of China 1911–1990**
 - **Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919–1963**
 - **The Cold War in Europe from 1945 to the 1990s**
 - **Crisis in the Middle East 1948–2003**
- **There are three questions for each Study Topic. Answer any TWO questions from any ONE Study Topic or from any TWO Study Topics.**
- **You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.**
- **Every question is marked out of 50.**

Answer any TWO questions from either ONE or TWO of the Study Topics.

NAPOLEON, FRANCE AND EUROPE 1795–1815

- 1 To what extent did the creation of the Empire in 1804 mark a SIGNIFICANT change in Napoleon's rule of France? [50]**

- 2 How far can Napoleon's military success in Europe from 1796 to 1809 be explained by the weaknesses of his opponents? [50]**

- 3 To what extent does British opposition explain Napoleon's eventual defeat in 1814 and 1815? [50]**

MONARCHY, REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE: FRANCE 1814–1870

- 4 To what extent should Louis Philippe's foreign policy be considered a failure? [50]**

- 5 Assess the reasons why the Second Republic was short-lived. [50]**

- 6 How successful was Napoleon III's domestic policy? [50]**

THE USA IN THE 19TH CENTURY: WESTWARD EXPANSION AND CIVIL WAR 1803–c.1890

- 7 Assess the reasons for the acquisition of territory by the United States from the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 to the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. [50]**
- 8 How important was the issue of slavery in causing the American Civil War? [50]**
- 9 To what extent were superior resources the main reason for the Union victory in the American Civil War? [50]**

PEACE AND WAR: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS c.1890–1941

- 10 To what extent was Germany responsible for the outbreak of the First World War? [50]**
- 11 How successful was the League of Nations in resolving international disputes in the 1920s? [50]**
- 12 Assess the reasons why Britain followed a policy of appeasement in the 1930s. [50]**

FROM AUTOCRACY TO COMMUNISM: RUSSIA 1894–1941

- 13 How successful were the economic and social policies of the Tsar's government from 1894 to 1914? [50]**
- 14 'The Bolsheviks were able to seize power in October 1917 mainly because of the weaknesses of the Provisional Government.' How far do you agree with this view? [50]**
- 15 How successful were Stalin's economic policies in the 1930s? [50]**

DEMOCRACY AND DICTATORSHIP: ITALY 1896–1943

- 16 How successfully did Italian governments deal with the problems they faced from 1896 to 1915? [50]**
- 17 To what extent do economic problems explain Mussolini's rise to power in 1922? [50]**
- 18 How successful was Mussolini's foreign policy from 1922 to 1940? [50]**

THE RISE OF CHINA 1911–1990

- 19 Assess the reasons why it took the Nationalists (*Guomindang*) so long to establish their authority over China after the 1911 revolution. [50]**
- 20 How successful was the Great Leap Forward? [50]**
- 21 To what extent did Mao achieve his aims in the Cultural Revolution? [50]**

DEMOCRACY AND DICTATORSHIP IN GERMANY 1919–1963

- 22 To what extent do the weaknesses of Weimar democracy explain Hitler's rise to power in 1933? [50]**
- 23 How successful were Hitler's economic policies to 1945? [50]**
- 24 Assess the reasons for West Germany's 'economic miracle' in the 1950s. [50]**

THE COLD WAR IN EUROPE FROM 1945 TO THE 1990s

- 25 Assess the reasons for the development of the Cold War in Europe from 1945 to 1948. [50]**
- 26 Assess the reasons why Berlin was a major source of tension in the Cold War from 1948 to 1961. [50]**
- 27 To what extent was Gorbachev responsible for the collapse of Soviet power in Eastern Europe? [50]**

CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST 1948–2003

- 28 Assess the consequences of the Suez Crisis (1956) for Egypt and the Middle East. [50]**
- 29 Assess the reasons why the Six Day War (1967) was followed by another conflict (the Yom Kippur War) just six years later. [50]**
- 30 Assess the view that US action against Iraq in 1991 and 2003 was motivated MAINLY by the threat Saddam Hussein posed to stability in the Middle East. [50]**

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