

**ADVANCED GCE  
HISTORY**

Period Studies – English History 1780–1964

**2584**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Tuesday 2 June 2009  
Morning**

**Duration:** 45 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.
- 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.
- Answer **one** question.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- This paper contains questions on the following three Options:
  - England 1780–1846 (page 2)
  - Britain 1846–1906 (page 3)
  - Britain 1899–1964 (page 4)
- Each Option has eight questions, two for each of its Study Topics.
- Every question is marked out of 45.
- 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.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

## England 1780–1846

### 1 The Age of Pitt and Liverpool 1783–1830

Answer **either**

- (a) 'His ability to reform explains Pitt's domination of politics in the period from 1783 to 1793.' How far do you agree?

**or**

- (b) How serious was the Radical challenge facing Lord Liverpool's government in the period from 1812 to 1822? Explain your answer.

### 2 War and Peace 1793–1841

Answer **either**

- (a) Assess the **main** reasons why it took Britain so long to defeat France in the wars from 1793 to 1815.

**or**

- (b) Which British foreign secretary **most** successfully upheld the balance of power in the period from 1814 to 1841? Explain your answer.

### 3 The Age of Peel 1829–1846

Answer **either**

- (a) What was the **most** serious problem that Peel faced in Ireland in the period from 1829 to 1846? Explain your answer.

**or**

- (b) How successful was Peel as prime minister (1841–46)? Explain your answer.

### 4 The Economy and Industrialisation 1780–1846

Answer **either**

- (a) How far was urbanisation seen as a serious problem in the period from 1780 to 1846?

**or**

- (b) 'Popular opposition to industrialisation always failed in the period from 1780 to 1846.' How far do you agree?

**Britain 1846–1906****5 Whigs and Liberals 1846–1874**

Answer **either**

- (a) How far was the weakness of Palmerston's political opponents the **main** reason for his political dominance from 1855 to 1865?

**or**

- (b) How far was Gladstone responsible for Liberal defeat in the general election of 1874?

**6 The Conservatives 1846–1880**

Answer **either**

- (a) To what extent did the Conservative party benefit from the Second Reform Act in the period from 1867 to 1880?

**or**

- (b) How far did Conservatism change during the period from 1846 to 1880?

**7 Foreign and Imperial Policies 1846–1902**

Answer **either**

- (a) How successful was Britain in achieving its aims in the Eastern Question during the period from 1854 to 1880? Explain your answer.

**or**

- (b) 'Britain's motives in Africa were **mainly** strategic during the period from 1868 to 1902.' How far do you agree?

**8 Trade Unions and Labour 1867–1906**

Answer **either**

- (a) 'The impact of the Taff Vale Case was the **main** influence on the emergence of the Labour party during the period from 1886 to 1906.' How far do you agree?

**or**

- (b) Assess the impact of the rise of the 'New Unions' on the labour movement from 1888.

**Britain 1899–1964****9 Liberals and Labour 1899–1918**

Answer **either**

- (a) How important was the Asquith – Lloyd George split of 1916 in explaining the decline of the Liberal party by the end of the First World War?

**or**

- (b) Which was the **more** serious Irish threat for British governments in the period from 1909 to 1916: Ulster Unionism or Irish nationalism? Explain your answer.

**10 Inter-War Domestic Problems 1918–1939**

Answer **either**

- (a) 'The issues at stake in the General Strike of 1926 were more economic than political.' How far do you agree?

**or**

- (b) To what extent were the National governments forced to change their economic and employment policies during the period from 1931 to 1939?

**11 Foreign Policy 1939–1963**

Answer **either**

- (a) How far did the Second World War change British foreign policy during the period from 1939 to 1945?

**or**

- (b) How successful was Britain in achieving its aims in foreign policy during the period from 1945 to 1953? Explain your answer.

**12 Post-War Britain 1945–1964**

Answer **either**

- (a) How successfully did the Labour governments of 1945–51 overcome the problems facing them? Explain your answer.

**or**

- (b) 'Conservative economic policy was responsible for the party's long period in office from 1951 to 1964.' How far do you agree?

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