

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**

F961/02

HISTORY A

British History Period Studies

Option B: Modern 1783–1994

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011: Morning

DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

**8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)**

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer any TWO questions.**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 100.**
- **This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:**
 - **From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846**
 - **Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895**
 - **Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914**
 - **Domestic Issues 1918–1951**
 - **Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990**
 - **Post-War Britain 1951–1994**
- **There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. Answer any TWO questions.**
- **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.**

Answer any TWO questions.

FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846

- 1 'The reform of finance and administration was the MOST important reason for Pitt's domination of politics from 1783 to 1793.' How far do you agree? [50]**

- 2 How effectively did Lord Liverpool's government handle the radical challenge in the period from 1812 to 1822? [50]**

- 3 How far did the terms of the Great Reform Act satisfy the supporters of parliamentary reform in 1832? [50]**

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895

- 4 How important was Palmerston in the emergence of the Liberal party by 1868? [50]**

- 5 To what extent did Disraeli's foreign and imperial policies achieve their aims? [50]**

- 6 How successful were Gladstone's Irish policies? [50]**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914

- 7 ‘The role of individuals was the most important reason for Britain obtaining possessions in Africa.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

- 8 How much support was there for imperialism from 1880 to 1902? [50]**

- 9 ‘The growing threat of Germany was the most important reason for the improvement in Anglo-French relations between 1902 and 1911.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951

- 10 Assess the progress made by the Labour party between 1918 and 1931. [50]**

- 11 To what extent did the economy recover between 1931 and 1939? [50]**

- 12 ‘The achievements of the Labour governments of 1945 to 1951 were limited.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990

- 13 How successful was British foreign policy from 1945 to 1964? [50]**

- 14 Assess the reasons why there was a continuing debate about nuclear weapons in Britain in this period. [50]**

- 15 Assess the reasons for British decolonisation after 1945. [50]**

POST-WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994

- 16 How successful were the Labour governments of 1974 to 1979? [50]**

- 17 ‘The failures of Wilson as Prime Minister are more significant than his achievements.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

- 18 Assess the reasons why Thatcher’s economic policies were controversial. [50]**

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