

**Monday 16 January 2012 – Afternoon**

**AS GCE HISTORY A**

**F962/02** European and World History Period Studies  
Option B: Modern 1795–2003

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**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.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**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 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.
- 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 **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

### **Napoleon, France and Europe 1795–1815**

- 1 To what extent did Napoleon's government during the Consulate bring benefits to France? [50]
- 2 'The weaknesses of his enemies were the **main** reason for Napoleon's military success from 1796 to 1809.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 Assess the consequences of the Continental System for France and Napoleon. [50]

### **Monarchy, Republic and Empire: France 1814–1870**

- 4 How far did Louis XVIII succeed in his domestic policy? [50]
- 5 Assess the reasons why the Second Republic was short-lived. [50]
- 6 How far did Napoleon III achieve his aims in foreign policy? [50]

### **The USA in the 19th Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890**

- 7 Assess the reasons why there was no lasting peace between White and Native Americans. [50]
- 8 Assess the reasons for the worsening relations between North and South in the 1850s. [50]
- 9 How important was Lincoln's leadership in securing Union victory in the Civil War? [50]

### **Peace and War: International Relations c.1890–1941**

- 10 Assess the reasons for the outbreak of the First World War. [50]
- 11 To what extent was the Treaty of Versailles fair? [50]
- 12 How serious was the impact of Italian aggression on international relations in the 1920s and 30s? [50]

### From Autocracy to Communism: Russia 1894–1941

- 13 'The 1905 Revolution changed little for the Tsar or the Russian people.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 14 Assess the reasons for the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II in February 1917. [50]
- 15 To what extent was terror the **main** reason for Stalin's consolidation of power in the Soviet Union in the 1930s? [50]

### Democracy and Dictatorship: Italy 1896–1943

- 16 Assess the reasons for political instability in Italy from 1896 to 1915. [50]
- 17 To what extent were Mussolini's political skills the **main** reason for his rise to power in October 1922? [50]
- 18 How successful was Mussolini's government in dealing with Italy's economic problems from 1922 to 1940? [50]

### The Rise of China 1911–1990

- 19 How successful was Jiang Jieshi in establishing Nationalist authority in China in the 1920s and 1930s? [50]
- 20 'Economic policies from 1949 to the Great Leap Forward were a failure.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 21 To what extent was there political and economic change in China in the period after Mao's death (1976)? [50]

### Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919–1963

- 22 To what extent were the actions of other political parties and their leaders responsible for the rise to power of Hitler and the Nazi Party? [50]
- 23 To what extent did Hitler's consolidation of power in Germany after March 1933 depend on terror? [50]
- 24 Assess the reasons for West Germany's political stability in the 1950s. [50]

**The Cold War in Europe from 1945 to the 1990s**

- 25 Assess the reasons why the Soviet Union was able to consolidate its control over Eastern Europe from 1945 to 1948. [50]
- 26 How serious a threat to Soviet power were the Hungarian Rising of 1956 and the Prague Spring of 1968? [50]
- 27 Assess the reasons for the breakdown of Soviet control in Eastern Europe. [50]

**Crisis in the Middle East 1948–2003**

- 28 Assess the reasons why the Israelis were successful in the war of 1948–49. [50]
- 29 To what extent was Nasser's growth in influence at home and abroad the **main** consequence of the Suez Crisis (1956)? [50]
- 30 To what extent was Israeli policy the biggest obstacle to a successful resolution of the Palestinian question from 1973 to 2003? [50]

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