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HISTORY–HI1

PERIOD STUDY 8

UNIT 1

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
EUROPE, c. 1878-1980**

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(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer one question.

1. Europe in the late nineteenth century and the background to the First World War.

- (a) Explain why Russia was unstable in 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent were the Balkan crises mainly responsible for the outbreak of the First World War? [36]

2. The First World War and the Peace Treaties.

- (a) Explain why the war on the Western Front became a war of attrition. [24]
- (b) To what extent were the post-war Peace Treaties the most important consequence of the First World War up to 1920? [36]

3. The post-war situation in Italy and Germany.

- (a) Explain why governments in Italy were criticized in the period 1919-1922. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Hitler mainly responsible for post-war instability in Germany between 1918 and 1933? [36]