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**HISTORY – HI2**

**PERIOD STUDY 3**

**UNIT 2**

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF  
WALES AND ENGLAND, c. 1815-1914**

A.M. THURSDAY, 12 January 2006

(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.

The quotations used in this unit may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

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

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*Candidates in their response to the interpretation question should consider the validity of the interpretation using their knowledge of the period and other possible interpretations. Candidates should also consider the factors which may have influenced the way in which the interpretation has been formed – such as the type of historian/author, the evidence available to the historian/author and the date of the publication.*

#### 1. Disraelian Conservatism, 1846-1880.

“Disraeli deserves to go down in history as a politician of genius but not as a Tory Democrat, the educator of his party or as a far-sighted statesman.”

[Robert Blake, an academic historian specialising in the history of the Conservative Party, writing in a biography of *Disraeli* (1966)]

How valid is this interpretation of Disraeli’s career and achievements in the period 1846-1880? [80]

#### 2. Gladstonian Liberalism, 1868-1893.

“Gladstone was a bad party leader and manager who neglected vital issues of policy to pursue personal crusades.”

[A.F. Thomson, an academic historian specialising in the history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, writing in a magazine article on Gladstone in *History Today* (1952)]

How valid is this interpretation of Gladstone’s leadership of the Liberal party 1868-1893? [80]

#### 3. Protest movements and the growth of radicalism in Wales, 1815-1868.

“The seriousness and duration of popular protest in Wales had more to do with the failure of law and order than with social discontent.”

[David Jones, an academic historian specialising in Welsh history, writing in a specialist study of popular protest in Wales, *Before Rebecca* (1990)]

How valid is this interpretation of protest movements in Wales, 1815-1868? [80]