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HISTORY – HI1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 8

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

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 7 June 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 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 there were crises in the Balkans between 1912-1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent were colonial rivalries mainly responsible for the outbreak of the First World War in 1914? [36]

2. The First World War and the peace treaties.

- (a) Explain why the campaign in the Dardenelles was unsuccessful. [24]
- (b) To what extent was new technology the most important influence on the battles of the First World War? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why the Weimar Republic was criticised by 1923. [24]
- (b) To what extent was political instability mainly responsible for the post-war situation in Italy and Germany? [36]