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HISTORY–HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 3

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

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.

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 was only an ageing politician in a desperate hurry to become Prime Minister with a parliamentary majority.’

[Geoffery Alderman, an academic historian specialising in modern British political history, writing in a history text book, *Modern Britain 1700-1983* (1986)]

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

2. Gladstonian Liberalism, 1868-1893.

‘The most important characteristic of Gladstonian Liberalism was the attempt to establish equality of opportunity in Britain.’

[B.H. Abbott, a general historian, writing in a history text book for students, *Gladstone and Disraeli* (1978)]

How valid is this interpretation of Gladstone’s career in the period 1868-1893? [80]

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

‘The history of Wales in this period can be seen as nothing more than fiery revolt.’

[Wynford Vaughan Thomas, a journalist and television broadcaster, writing in a general history of Wales and Welsh issues, *Wales- A History* (1985)]

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