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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 3

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

P.M. FRIDAY, 12 January 2007

(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’s contribution to parliamentary and social reform was purely presentational and superficial.”

[John Walton, an academic historian and specialist in political history, writing in a student textbook, *Disraeli* (1990)]

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

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2. Gladstonian Liberalism, 1868-1893.

“Gladstone’s mission to pacify Ireland resulted only in tragedy for Ireland and political chaos in Britain.”

[Anthony Wood, a general historian of British history, writing in a student textbook, *Nineteenth Century Britain* (1965)]

How valid is this interpretation of Gladstone’s policies towards Ireland in the period 1868-1893?

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

“Hopelessness and hunger were mainly responsible for popular protest and radicalism.”

[Eric Hobsbawm, an academic Marxist historian, writing in an economic history textbook, *Industry and Empire* (1970)]

How valid is this interpretation of popular protest and radicalism in Wales, 1815-1868?

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