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HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 4

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF
WALES AND ENGLAND, c. 1880-1980**

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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.

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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Answer one question.

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. **Politics and Society, 1918-1939.**

“The thirties were a period of recovery throughout Wales and England marked by a rise in wages and living standards.”

[R.K. Webb, an academic historian specializing in the social history of Britain, writing in a general history book, *Modern England* (1980)]

How valid is this interpretation of life in Britain in the 1930s? [80]

2. **Foreign Policy, 1918-1939.**

“Chamberlain was quite right to seek to avoid war and to try to appease Hitler. There was simply nothing Britain could do to help Hitler’s victims.”

[John Charmley, an academic historian specialising in British foreign policy, writing in a specialist history book, *Chamberlain and the Lost Peace* (1989)]

How valid is this interpretation of Chamberlain’s foreign policy between 1937-1939? [80]

3. **The changing role and status of women, 1900-1939.**

“The inter-war period was still a period when men ruled and all we women constantly dreamed of change, but it never came.”

[Mildred Evans, a housewife who grew up in a coal-mining community in South Wales in the 1920s and 1930s, recalling her life in her autobiography, *Memories of my childhood* (1965)]

How valid is this interpretation of changes in the role and status of women between 1919-1939? [80]