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**HISTORY – HI2**

**PERIOD STUDY 8**

**UNIT 2**

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

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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. Revolution in Russia, civil war and the role of Stalin, 1917-1941.**

“The communist regime under the Bolsheviks was a monumental failure. It succeeded in one thing only, staying in power.”

[Richard Pipes, an academic historian and specialist in Russian history, writing in a specialist book on Russian history, *Russia under the Bolshevik Regime* (1995)]

How valid is this interpretation of the impact of Communist rule in Russia between 1917-1924? [80]

#### **2. Fascist Italy, 1922-1939.**

“Italian society under Mussolini is working with the precision and harmony of a human body.”

[Oswald Mosley, the leader of the British Fascist Party, speaking in an interview for *The Times* newspaper (1938)]

How valid is this interpretation of the impact of Fascist rule upon Italian society 1922-1939? [80]

#### **3. Nazi Germany, 1933-1939.**

“Hitler’s dictatorship was barren of all features save one – the fruitless expression of his own power.”

[Alan Bullock, an academic historian and specialist in German history, writing in a specialist biography, *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny* (1952)]

How valid is this interpretation of Hitler’s rule between 1933-1939? [80]