



**General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced**

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**HISTORY – HI1
PERIOD STUDY 8
UNIT 1
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 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 relations between Germany and France became more strained after 1900. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Austria-Hungary mainly responsible for the outbreak of the First World War? [36]

2. The First World War and the Peace Treaties.

- (a) Explain why the first battle of the Somme in 1916 was important. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the economic collapse of Germany mainly responsible for Allied victory in 1918? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why there was opposition to the Weimar republic in the period 1919-1924. [24]
- (b) To what extent were problems with political leadership mainly responsible for post-war instability in Italy? [36]