



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

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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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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 depression era had very little effect on politics and public life.”

[John Stevenson and Chris Cook, academic historians specialising in the economic history of the 1930s, writing in their specialist book, *Britain in the Depression, 1929-1939* (1977)]

How valid is this interpretation of the effects of the Depression in Britain during the 1930s? [80]

2. Foreign Policy, 1918-1939.

“The years between 1929-1939 were a period when nothing was done. Had Britain taken firm action, then things might have been different - but for the entire ten years, they did nothing”.

[David Thompson, an academic historian and specialist in modern European history, writing in his general history book, *England in the Twentieth Century* (1965)]

How valid is this interpretation of British foreign policy between 1929-1939? [80]

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

“As a result of the Great War there were significant advances in the lives of all women in Britain.”

[AJP Taylor, an academic historian and specialist in twentieth century history, writing in his specialist history book, *English History 1914-1945* (1965)]

How valid is this interpretation of the changing role and status of women between 1918-1939? [80]