



GCE AS/A level

471/08

HISTORY – HI1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 8

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

P.M. MONDAY, 2 June 2008

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 German foreign policy increased tensions in this period. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Balkan nationalism mainly responsible for the outbreak of the First World War in 1914? [36]

2. The First World War and the Peace Treaties.

- (a) Explain why the war of attrition led to high casualties during the First World War. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the economic cost of the conflict the most important consequence of the First World War? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why the Weimar Republic faced many challenges from 1919-1924. [24]
- (b) To what extent was economic failure mainly responsible for the post-war situation in Italy? [36]