



GCE AS/A level

472/04

HISTORY – HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 4

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF

WALES AND ENGLAND,

c. 1880-1980

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 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.**

‘On reflection, the effects of the Depression in Britain were mild.’

[D.H. Aldcroft, an academic historian specializing in economic history, writing in his specialist textbook, *The British Economy between the Wars* (1983)]

How valid is this interpretation of the social effects of the Depression, 1918-1939? [80]

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

‘Britain totally gave way to Hitler’s demands by refusing to stand up to him.’

[Robert Pearce, an academic historian specialising in twentieth century history, writing in a student textbook, *Contemporary Britain, 1914-1979* (1996)]

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

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

‘The Suffragettes made the most important contribution to the gaining of the vote for women by 1919.’

[D Harrington, an academic historian and specialist in women’s history, writing in an article entitled “The Great War and Feminism in Britain” published in the magazine *History Review* (1993)]

How valid is this interpretation of the success of the Suffragette movement? [80]