



GCE AS/A level

1231/06

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 6

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE, c. 1696-1815

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 May 2011

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in 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 assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer two questions.

1. Russia during the reign of Peter the Great, 1696-1725

- (a) Explain why the battle of Poltava of 1709 was important for Russia. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the reform of the nobility the most important development of Peter the Great's reign, 1696-1725? [36]

2. Prussia during the reign of Frederick the Great, 1740-1786

- (a) Explain why Frederick the Great introduced domestic reforms. [24]
- (b) To what extent were Frederick the Great's military achievements the most significant development in Prussia during the period 1740-1786? [36]

3. The Hapsburg Empire during the reigns of Charles VI and Maria Theresa, 1711-1780

- (a) Explain why the Diplomatic Revolution occurred. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Maria Theresa's foreign policy the most significant development in the Hapsburg Empire between 1711-1780? [36]