



**GCE A level**

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**HISTORY – HY4**

**UNIT 4**

**PERIOD STUDY 6**

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

P.M. THURSDAY, 27 January 2011

1 hour 40 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions, one from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.

**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, one from Section A and one from Section B.*

**SECTION A**

*Answer one question.*

**1. Catherine the Great, 1762-1796**

To what extent was Catherine the Great's policy towards the nobility the most important development of her reign? [40]

**2. Commercial and colonial rivalry, c. 1750-1815**

'Commercial advantage was the main factor in explaining the rivalry between the various powers involved in India between 1750 and 1815.' Discuss. [40]

**SECTION B**

*Answer one question.*

**1. France, c. 1715-1815**

'Constitutional issues were the main difficulties facing France from 1715-1815.' Discuss. [40]

**2. Great Power rivalry, c. 1696-1815**

To what extent was territorial gain the most important factor in determining rivalry between the Great Powers during the period 1696-1815? [40]