



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, 14 May 2013

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 black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each 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 two questions.

In your answer to part (a) you are advised to provide a linked and coherent explanation.

In your answer to part (b) you are advised to evaluate the issue named in the question against a range of other important issues.

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

- (a) **Explain why** Peter the Great embarked on the building of St. Petersburg. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Peter the Great's involvement in the Great Northern War the **most significant** development of his reign, 1696-1725? [36]

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

- (a) **Explain why** Frederick the Great invaded Silesia in 1740. [24]
- (b) Was the emergence of Prussia as a great power the **most significant** development of Frederick the Great's reign, 1740-1786? [36]

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

- (a) **Explain why** Maria Theresa attempted to reform serfdom in the Hapsburg Empire. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the Pragmatic Sanction the **most significant** development in the Hapsburg Empire in the period 1711-1780? [36]

4. International relations, c. 1710-1756

- (a) **Explain why** the Diplomatic Revolution occurred. [24]
- (b) To what extent were changes in the balance of power the **main influence** on international relations in the period 1710-1756? [36]