



GCE AS/A level

1231/08

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 8

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

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 16 January 2013

1½ hours

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 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 two questions.

1. International relations, c. 1878-1920

- (a) Explain why relations between Germany and Russia had deteriorated by 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Austria-Hungary mainly responsible for creating international tensions in the period 1878-1920? [36]

2. Italy, c. 1918-1944

- (a) Explain why Mussolini made a Concordat with the Catholic Church in 1929. [24]
- (b) To what extent did the establishment of dictatorship have the greatest impact on the Italian people in the period 1922-1944? [36]

3. The Communist revolution in Russia, c. 1917-1941

- (a) Explain why Stalin launched the campaign against the Kulaks. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the use of terror the most significant feature of the Communist revolution in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]