



**GCE AS/A level**

1231/08 – **LEGACY**



S16-1231-08

**HISTORY – HY1**

**UNIT 1**

**PERIOD STUDY 8**

**Aspects of the History of Europe, c. 1878-1989**

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 18 May 2016

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 assessment 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. International relations, c. 1878-1914**

- (a) **Explain why** relations between Germany and Russia had deteriorated before 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the Alliance System the **main influence** on international relations in the period 1878-1914? [36]

**2. Germany, c. 1878-1919**

- (a) **Explain why** German foreign policy changed during the period 1878-1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent did economic growth have the **most significant impact** upon the development of Germany between 1878 and 1919? [36]

**3. Italy, c. 1918-1944**

- (a) **Explain why** Italy had become a dictatorship by 1927. [24]
- (b) To what extent did Fascist foreign policy have the **greatest impact** upon the Italian people between 1922 and 1944? [36]

**4. The Communist Revolution in Russia, c. 1917-1941**

- (a) **Explain why** the Bolsheviks were able to seize power in October 1917. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the collectivisation of agriculture the **most significant development** in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]

**END OF PAPER**