



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
January 2009

## History

## HIS1L

Unit 1L Britain, 1906–1951

Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1L.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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- 1** (a) Explain why conscription was introduced in 1916. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was the work done by women on the home front during the First World War in changing the position of women in British society by 1928? *(24 marks)*
- 2** (a) Why did the Labour government find it so difficult to deal with the financial crisis of 1931? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful were the National governments in bringing economic recovery to Britain in the years 1931 to 1939? *(24 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain why the Labour Party won a landslide victory in the 1945 General Election. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful were Attlee's governments in dealing with health and housing in the years 1945 to 1951? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**