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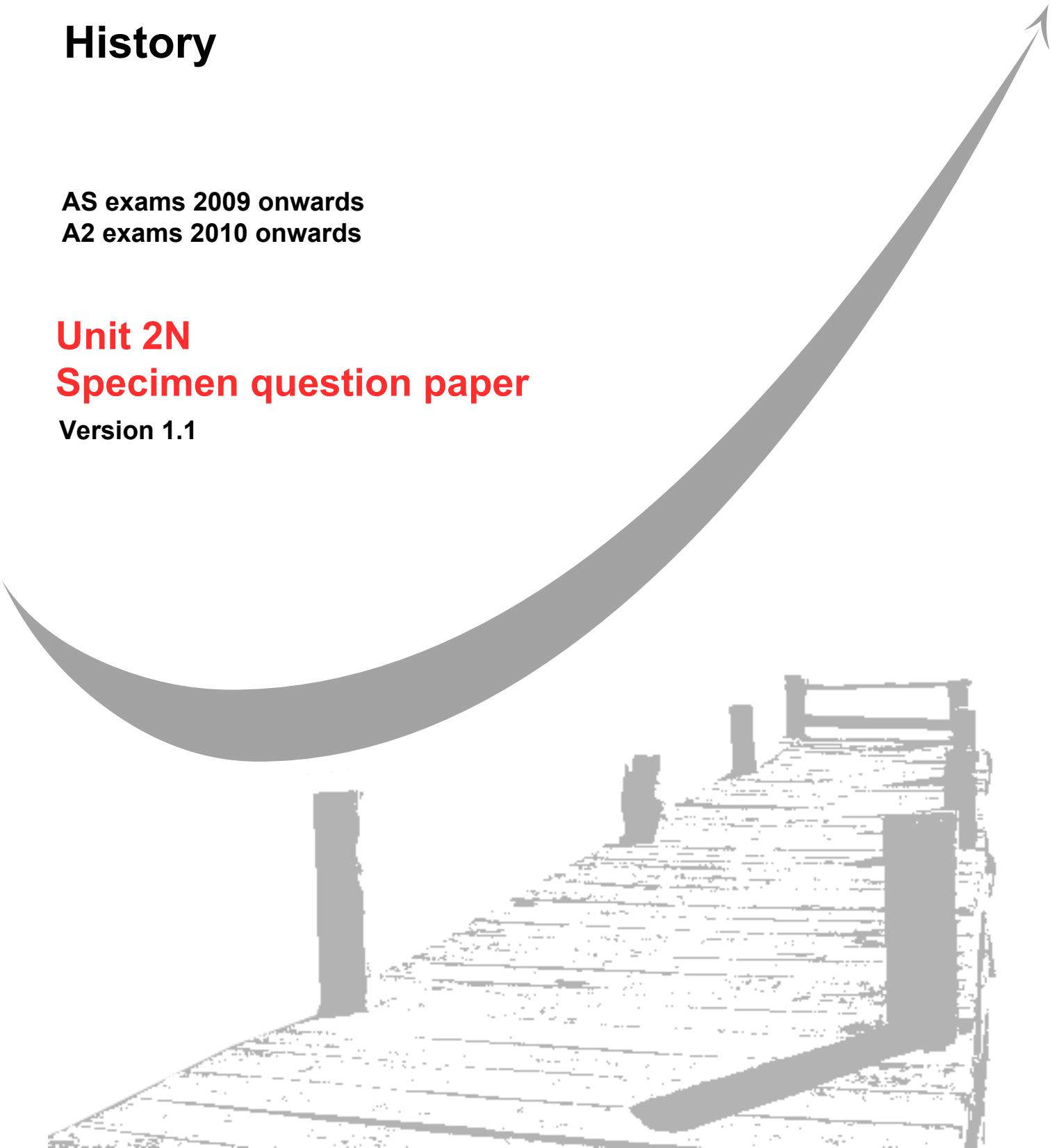
# History

**AS exams 2009 onwards**  
**A2 exams 2010 onwards**

## **Unit 2N**

### **Specimen question paper**

**Version 1.1**



**HISTORY**

**HIS2N**

**Unit 2**

**Anti-Semitism, Hitler and the German People, 1919–1945**

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**For this paper you must have:**

- A 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 HIS2N.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

**HIS2N**

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A** Adapted from the memoirs of Melita Maschmann. Maschmann is writing about Berlin on the morning after Kristallnacht from an anti-Semitic perspective.

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**Source B** Adapted from a Hermann Bremser's diary entry for 9 October 1938, in which he expresses his disgust at the vandalism of Jewish property.

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**Source C** Adapted from a speech by Goering at a conference attended by major Nazi officials, 12 November 1938

5 Gentlemen! Today's meeting is of a decisive character. I have received a letter written on the Fuhrer's orders requesting that the Jewish question be now, once and for all, coordinated and solved one way or another. Gentlemen, I have had enough of these demonstrations! It is not the Jew they harm but myself, as the final authority for coordinating the German economy. I urge the agencies concerned to take all measures to eliminate the Jew from the German economy.

(a) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source A** differ from those in **Source B** in relation to the immediate reactions of ordinary Germans to Kristallnacht in November 1938.

*(12 marks)*

(b) Use **Sources A, B** and **C** your own knowledge.

How successful was the Nazi regime in strengthening anti-Semitic views among the German people down to 1939.

*(24 marks)*

**EITHER 2**

- (a) Explain why Hitler's anti-Semitic views grew stronger between 1919 and 1925. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'The spread of anti-Semitism in Germany in the years 1918 to 1933 was primarily because it provided people with an enemy to blame for their troubles.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**OR 3**

- (a) Explain why Nazi policies against 'racial undesirables' moved from persecution to mass killing between September 1939 and January 1942. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'Hitler alone was responsible for the Holocaust.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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