

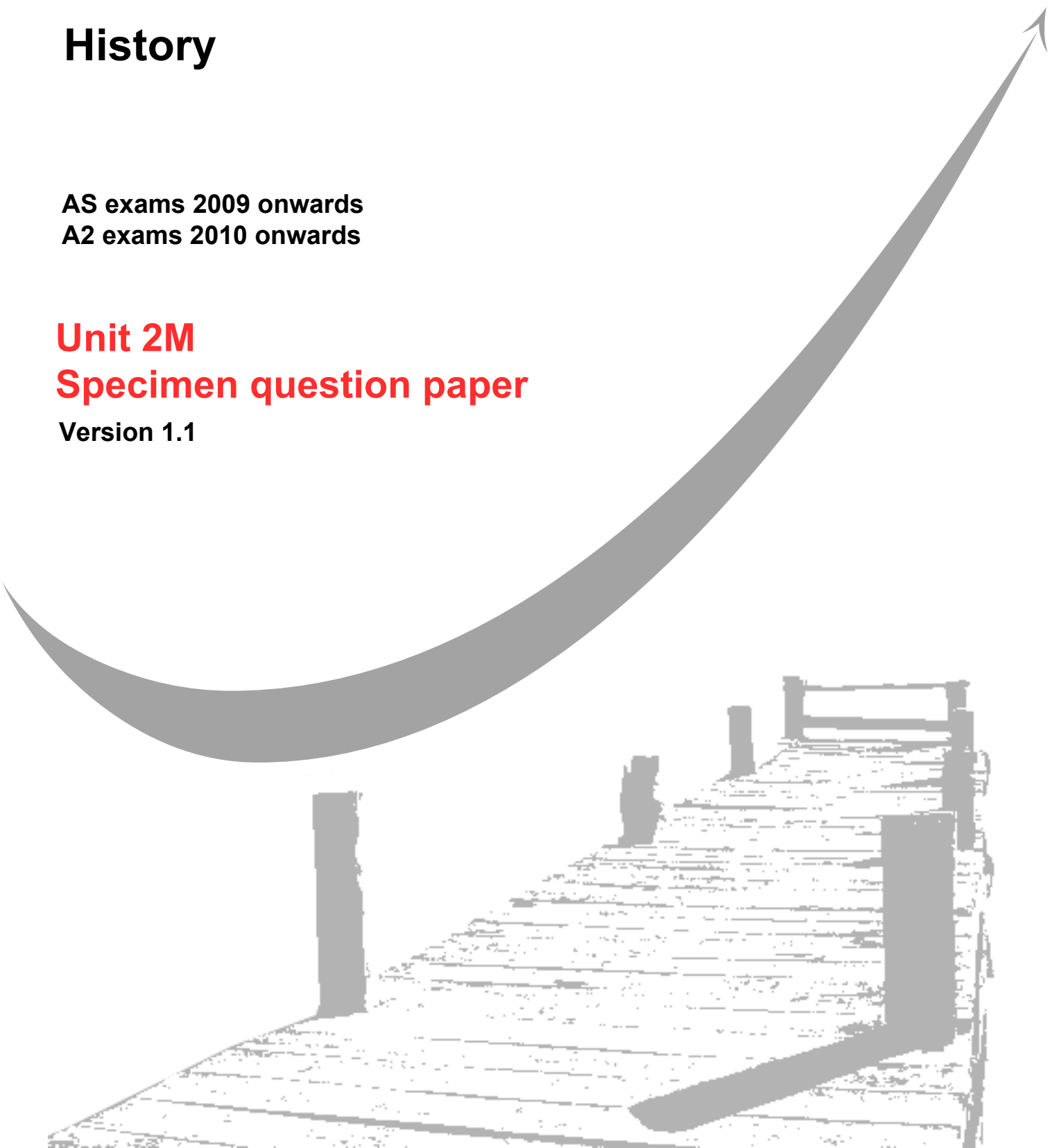
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Unit 2M **Specimen question paper**

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HISTORY
Unit 2
Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–1945

HIS2M

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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 HIS2M.
- 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.

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

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

Source A Adapted from a book written by a man who came to England as a prisoner of war in 1945. The author is writing about how he enjoyed being part of the Hitler Youth despite his father's hatred of the Nazis.

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Source B The memories of Karma Rauhut about her time in the BDM (League of German Maidens) in an interview with a young American journalist in 1993

- 5 'My friend and I went to every American film going, no matter how bad it was. And there were shops where, if they knew you, you could buy jazz records in the back room. And, of course, they were THE things to have. What you did NOT do' Karma said scornfully, was to live up to the Nazi ideal of beauty, sex and culture. 'Women under Hitler, that was completely dreadful. A German woman does not wear make-up, she does not smoke, she should have a thousand children – all that rubbish still brings a chill to my spine, even now.' In 1984, Karma met many former classmates at a high school reunion. One girl told Karma: 'We could never stand you. You were so unathletic.'

Source C Adapted from a book written by a British woman who was a visiting student at Marburg University in 1936–1937. The author is writing about the pro-Nazi leanings of the German students.

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

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source C** in relation to the attitudes of German girls towards Nazi ideology. (12 marks)

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

How successful was the use of fear and repression by the Nazi regime in securing conformity from German youth? (24 marks)

EITHER 2

- (a) Explain why the Catholic Church moved from a position of co-operation to a position of conflict with the Nazi regime in the years 1933 to 1939. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'In the years 1933 to 1945 the German Churches supported and collaborated with the Nazi regime far more than they opposed it.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR 3

- (a) Explain why the Nazi regime tried to control information and propaganda in the years 1933 to 1939. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'Most Nazi propaganda, especially in wartime, was crude, boring and ineffective: most Germans simply switched off.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source B: A OWING, *Frauen*, Rutgers University Press, 1993.

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