

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
HISTORY**

Themes in History 1763–1996

**WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2007**

**2591**

Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (12 pages)  
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.
- Write your answers on the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- This paper contains questions on the following five Options:
  - Britain 1793–1921 (page 2)
  - Britain 1834–1996 (page 3)
  - Europe 1792–1919 (page 4)
  - Europe 1855–1956 (page 5)
  - America 1763–1980 (page 6)
- Each Option has one or more Themes. Each Theme has three questions.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Teachers may indicate to candidates in the examination room the part(s) of the paper which cover(s) the Theme(s) studied.
- Every question is marked out of 60.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Candidates are expected to demonstrate understanding of the issues in **each** of their selected questions over a period of **at least a hundred years** (unless an individual question specifies a slightly shorter period).
- Candidates are reminded of the synoptic nature of this Unit. Answers are required to demonstrate understanding of the processes of historical continuity, development and change across the **full breadth** of the period studied.

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**Britain 1793–1921**

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**Key Theme: Britain and Ireland 1798–1921**

- 1 Assess why revolutionary Irish nationalism succeeded in the period 1916 to 1921 but failed in the period 1798 to 1916.
- 2 'British governments, in their efforts to make the Union work, were generous to Ireland in the period 1800 to 1921.' How far do you agree?
- 3 How far was the Third Home Rule Bill of 1912 the **most** important turning-point in the relationship between Ireland and the British government in the period 1798 to 1921?

**Key Theme: War and Society in Britain 1793–1918**

- 4 Assess the view that opposition to war was confined to an educated minority in the period from 1793 to 1918.
- 5 How successfully did British governments manage the nation's resources to meet the demands of war in the period from 1793 to 1918? Explain your answer.
- 6 How far would you agree that the navy was always **more** important than the army in British military strategy in the period from 1793 to 1918?

**Britain 1834–1996**

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**Key Theme: Poor Law to Welfare State 1834–1948**

- 7 'There was far more continuity than change in the way governments dealt with the problem of poverty during the period 1834 to 1948.' How far do you agree?
- 8 To what extent were changes in housing policies influenced mainly by political factors during the period 1834 to 1948?
- 9 Assess the reasons for greater government intervention in education during the period 1834 to 1948.

**Key Theme: The Development of Democracy in Britain 1868–1992**

- 10 Assess the reasons for the changing fortunes of the Conservative party during the period 1868 to 1992.
- 11 To what extent were changes to both the House of Commons and the House of Lords **essential** to the development of democracy during the period 1868 to 1992?
- 12 'The change in the political role of women was very limited during the period 1868 to 1992.' How far do you agree?

**Key Theme: The Development of the Mass Media 1896–1996**

- 13 How far do you agree that, during the century from 1896, American influence has been the most significant factor in the development of the mass media in Britain?
- 14 To what extent did periods of national crisis affect the relationship between British governments and the mass media during the century from 1896?
- 15 Assess the view that the emergence of radio in the 1920s was the **main** turning-point in the influence of the mass media on popular culture in Britain during the century from 1896.

## Europe 1792–1919

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### Key Theme: The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792–1918

- 16 To what extent were the quality and training of ordinary soldiers the **main** factors in the success of armies in the period from 1792 to 1918?
- 17 Assess the impact of developments in communications and transport on the conduct of war in the period from 1792 to 1918.
- 18 Assess how effectively states responded to the changing demands of warfare in the period from 1792 to 1918.

### Key Theme: The Challenge of German Nationalism 1815–1919

- 19 To what extent was German nationalism consistently a popular cause throughout the period from 1815 to 1919?
- 20 How far do you agree with the view that Kaiser William II managed German nationalism more effectively than Metternich and Bismarck?
- 21 Assess the reasons for Prussia's changing relationship with the other German states in the period from 1815 to 1919.

**Europe 1855–1956**

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**Key Theme: Russian Dictatorship 1855–1956**

- 22** How far do you agree that the fall of the Provisional Government in October 1917 was the **most** important turning-point in the development of Russian government in the period from 1855 to 1956?
- 23** How far do you agree that a study of Russia in the period from 1855 to 1956 suggests that change was **always** imposed from above?
- 24** How far do you agree that the working class of Russia suffered more under communist rule than they did under the Tsars in the period from 1855 to 1956?

**America 1763–1980**

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**Key Theme: The Struggle for the Constitution 1763–1877**

- 25 Assess the view that political groups and parties played the central role in the development of the Constitution during the period from 1787 to 1877.
- 26 To what extent was sectional conflict between North and South unavoidable in the period from 1787 to 1877?
- 27 How far was the Supreme Court the **most** important institution in the development of federal power from 1790 to 1877?

**Key Theme: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1980**

- 28 How far did US presidents hinder rather than help the development of African American civil rights in the period from 1865 to 1980?
- 29 To what extent were the 1890s the **main** turning-point in the development of trade union and labour rights in the period from 1865 to 1980?
- 30 'Asian and Hispanic Americans faced far greater discrimination in social and economic matters than in political rights.' How far do you agree with this view for the period from 1865 to 1980?



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