

**ADVANCED GCE  
HISTORY**

**2584**

Period Studies – English History 1780–1964

**FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2008**

Afternoon  
Time: 45 minutes

**Additional materials:** Answer Booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.
- Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

This paper contains questions on the following three Options:

- England 1780–1846 (page 2)
- Britain 1846–1906 (page 3)
- Britain 1899–1964 (page 4)
- Each Option has eight questions, two for each of its Study Topics.
- Answer **one** question.
- Every question is marked out of 45.
- 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.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

## England 1780–1846

## 1 The Age of Pitt and Liverpool 1783–1830

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was royal support the **most** important factor in Pitt's domination of politics during the period from 1783 to 1793?

or

(b) 'The Queen Caroline affair was the **most** serious challenge facing the governments of Lord Liverpool during the period from 1812 to 1822.' How far do you agree?

## 2 War and Peace 1793–1841

Answer **either**

(a) How successful were British foreign secretaries in ensuring a favourable balance of power during the period from 1814 to 1841?

or

(b) How far did Canning's foreign policy differ from that of Castlereagh?

## 3 The Age of Peel 1829–1846

Answer **either**

(a) How far do you agree that Peel was a poor party-political leader during the period to 1846? Explain your answer.

or

(b) 'The budgets of 1842 and 1845 were the **most** successful reforms of Peel's 1841–46 government.' How far do you agree?

## 4 The Economy and Industrialisation 1780–1846

Answer **either**

(a) How important were railways compared with other forms of transport in the period to 1846? Explain your answer.

or

(b) How far do you agree that enclosure was the **most** serious problem affecting the rural economy during the period from 1780 to 1846?

## Britain 1846–1906

## 5 Whigs and Liberals 1846–1874

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons for Palmerston's political dominance during the period from 1855 to 1865.

or

(b) How popular was Gladstonian Liberalism during the period to 1874? Explain your answer.

## 6 The Conservatives 1846–1880

Answer **either**

(a) 'The loss of Peel and his followers was the **most** important reason why the Conservatives were out of office for much of the period from 1846 to 1874.' How far do you agree?

or

(b) 'A belief in stability at home was **more** important than promoting the British Empire in the development of Disraelian Conservatism to 1880.' How far do you agree?

## 7 Foreign and Imperial Policies 1846–1902

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent did an expanding empire become the **main** aim of British foreign policy during the second half of the nineteenth century?

or

(b) How far did the Boer War (1899–1902) affect the popularity and prestige of the British Empire during the period to 1902?

## 8 Trade Unions and Labour 1867–1906

Answer **either**

(a) How far did governments from 1867 to 1906 enable trade unions to expand their influence?

or

(b) 'Keir Hardie was by far the **most** important leader of the Labour movement and party to 1906.' How far do you agree?

**Britain 1899–1964****9 Liberals and Labour 1899–1918**

Answer **either**

(a) How far do you agree that poor leadership was the **main** problem for the Conservatives during the period from 1899 to 1905?

**or**

(b) How important an issue was the female franchise for the Liberal party during the period from 1906 to 1918? Explain your answer.

**10 Inter-War Domestic Problems 1918–1939**

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was trade union unrest the **main** cause of the General Strike in 1926?

**or**

(b) How far did the National governments adopt new policies towards unemployment during the period from 1931 to 1939?

**11 Foreign Policy 1939–1963**

Answer **either**

(a) How far would you agree that Britain followed a policy of decolonisation **mainly** for economic and financial reasons during the period from 1945 to 1960?

**or**

(b) To what extent was fear of Russian expansionism the **main** reason for Britain's involvement in the Cold War during the period from 1945 to 1953?

**12 Post-War Britain 1945–1964**

Answer **either**

(a) How far would you agree that the **main** reason why Labour lost the 1951 General Election was the re-organisation of the Conservative Party?

**or**

(b) How successful was Macmillan as Prime Minister (1957–63)? Explain your answer.

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