

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT
HISTORY**

2593

Independent Investigation (Open Book Examination)

Exam to be sat on any day selected by each centre from Monday 14 April to Friday 9 May 2008.

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)
Candidates books and notes.



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.
- Write your answer in the separate answer book provided.
- Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Candidates may use their notes and books in this coursework examination. Notes should not be handed in with the answer book.
- Every question is marked out of 90.
- Candidates may confine their answer to one country or draw from several countries. The choice is theirs.
- Candidates may not discuss any period before 768 AD.
- Candidates should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- In their essay, candidates must **either** use and evaluate primary and/or secondary source material relevant to their chosen question **or** explain and evaluate interpretations of the historical events and topics studied, **or** both.
- Footnotes giving the source of quotations are optional.
- Candidates should end their essay with their bibliography. This may be typed out ahead of the exam and then attached to the answer book with a tag.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.

Answer **one** of the following questions, using examples from any period or country you have studied.

You are reminded of the need to make critical use of primary and/or secondary source material in constructing your response.

1 The Arts and History

Choose a painting from any period you have studied. How far does it give an accurate insight into the values, ideas or beliefs of the age in which it was painted?

[A 'painting' may be a single painting or a related series of paintings]

2 Economic History

To what extent have trade and exchange been the critical factors in the economic development of any city, country or region you have studied?

3 The Individual in History

How far would you agree that, 'No individual can alter the course of history'?

4 Local History

How far was geographical position the main factor in explaining the development of any historical site you have studied?

[An 'historical site' may be anything from a single building – church, monastery, castle, mill – to a whole settlement]

5 Military History

How true is it of any military conflict you have studied that 'wars are always won by the side with the most resources'?

6 Political History

'The end justified the means.' To what extent can this be said of the actions of any political leader or political movement you have studied?

7 Religious History

For any period studied, assess the reasons why religious enthusiasm **either** increased **or** declined.

8 Science, Technology and History

Assess the historical significance of a single discovery or invention from any period you have studied.

9 Social History

For any period studied, how easy is it to determine the conditions of life for ordinary people from the available evidence?

10 World History

Assess the achievements of any African leader.

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