



ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE HISTORY

Period Studies – European and World History 1789–1989

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

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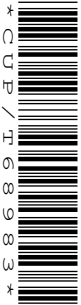
- 8 page Answer Booklet

Other Materials Required:

None

**Tuesday 2 June 2009
Morning**

Duration: 45 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Every question is marked out of **45**.

This paper contains questions on the following five Options:

- Europe 1789–1849 (page 2)
- Europe 1825–1890 (page 3)
- America 1846–1919 (page 4)
- Europe 1890–1945 (page 5)
- Europe and the World 1919–1989 (page 6)
- Each Option has eight questions, two for each of its Study Topics.
- Answer **one** question.
- 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 **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Europe 1789–1849

1 The French Revolution 1789–1795

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons for the Revolution in 1789.

or

(b) How far were the people of Paris the **main** factor in shaping the course of the Revolution between 1789 and 1795?

2 Napoleon and Europe 1799–1815

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent did Napoleon's government of France during the Consulate bring benefits to the French people?

or

(b) 'The weaknesses of his enemies were the **main** reason for Napoleon's military success in Europe to 1807.' How far do you agree with this view?

3 France 1814–1848

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was the reign of Louis XVIII a failure?

or

(b) To what extent was economic crisis the **main** reason for the overthrow of Louis Philippe in 1848?

4 Revolution and Repression in Europe 1815–1849

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was the development of Liberalism the **main** cause of revolution in the German Confederation in 1848–49?

or

(b) 'The loyalty of the armed forces to the Emperor was the **main** reason for the failure of the revolutions in the Austrian Empire in 1848–49.' How far do you agree with this view?

Europe 1825–1890

5 Italy 1830–1870

Answer **either**

- (a) To what extent was lack of unity amongst the revolutionaries the **main** reason for the failure of the revolutions in Italy in 1848–49?

or

- (b) To what extent were Cavour's leadership and diplomacy the **main** reasons for the creation of a kingdom of Italy in the period to 1861?

6 Germany c.1862–1890

Answer **either**

- (a) To what extent were economic factors the **main** reason for the unification of Germany?

or

- (b) How successful was Bismarck's foreign policy from 1871 to 1890? Explain your answer.

7 France 1848–1875

Answer **either**

- (a) Assess the reasons why the Second Republic (1848–1852) was short-lived.

or

- (b) How successful were Napoleon III's domestic policies? Explain your answer.

8 Russia 1825–1881

Answer **either**

- (a) How successful was Nicholas I in his rule of Russia? Explain your answer.

or

- (b) 'Alexander II's reforms were too limited to have much impact on the problems facing Russia during his reign.' How far do you agree with this view?

America 1846–1919

9 The American Civil War 1861–1865

Answer **either**

- (a) Assess the reasons why it took the North so long to defeat the South in the American Civil War.

or

- (b) How effective was Davis as the leader of the Confederacy? Explain your answer.

10 Politics and Reform 1877–1919

Answer **either**

- (a) To what extent were economic motives the **main** reason why America pursued an imperialist foreign policy in the 1890s and the early twentieth century?

or

- (b) How successful was Woodrow Wilson's domestic policy? Explain your answer.

11 Western Expansion 1846–1900

Answer **either**

- (a) How important were developments in transport in opening up the West? Explain your answer.

or

- (b) Assess the impact of the policies of Federal governments on Native Americans in the period from 1846 to 1887.

12 Race Relations in the South 1863–1912

Answer **either**

- (a) How successful was Reconstruction in improving the position of Black Americans to 1877?

or

- (b) How important were decisions of the Supreme Court in undermining the position of Black Americans in the period from 1877 to 1912?

Europe 1890–1945**13 Russia 1894–1917**

Answer **either**

(a) How far had the Russian monarchy recovered from the 1905 Revolution by 1914?

or

(b) To what extent was the Tsar responsible for the February Revolution (1917)?

14 The Causes and Impact of the First World War c.1890–1920

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent were the arms races the **main** reason for the outbreak of the First World War in 1914?

or

(b) To what extent do military technological developments explain the stalemate on the Western Front during the First World War?

15 Italy 1919–1945

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent was Mussolini able to establish a full dictatorship in Italy in the 1920s?

or

(b) Assess the consequences to 1945 for Italy of its involvement in the Second World War.

16 Germany 1919–1945

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons why the Weimar Republic was able to survive during the 1920s.

or

(b) How successful were Nazi economic policies from 1933 to 1939? Explain your answer.

Europe and the World 1919–1989

17 International Relations 1919–1941

Answer **either**

(a) How far do you agree that the Treaty of Versailles was harsh on Germany?

or

(b) Assess the reasons why the League of Nations was unable to stop aggression in the 1930s.

18 The USSR 1924–1953

Answer **either**

(a) To what extent were the purges the **main** reason why Stalin was able to consolidate his power in the 1930s?

or

(b) Assess the impact on the USSR of the Great Patriotic War.

19 The Cold War in Europe 1945–1989

Answer **either**

(a) Assess the reasons why mutual distrust rapidly developed between the USSR and the Western Allies from 1945 to 1949.

or

(b) To what extent was Gorbachev the **main** reason for the end of the Cold War?

20 The Cold War in Asia and the Americas 1949–1975

Answer **either**

(a) How successful was the UN's intervention in Korea from 1950 to 1953? Explain your answer.

or

(b) Assess the impact of the Cuban Missile Crisis on the Cold War.

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