

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**AS GCE**  
**F961/02**  
**HISTORY A**

**British History Period Studies**  
**Option B: Modern 1783–1994**

**TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012: Morning**  
**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**  
**plus your additional time allowance**  
**MODIFIED ENLARGED**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**  
**(sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Answer any TWO questions.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846
  - Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914
  - Domestic Issues 1918–1951
  - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990
  - Post-War Britain 1951–1994
- There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. Answer any TWO questions.
- 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.

**Answer any TWO questions.**

### **FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846**

- 1 How successful were Pitt the Younger's domestic policies? [50]**
- 2 'Government policies were the most important reason for the failure of the radical challenges in the period from 1812 to 1822.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 3 'The fear of revolution was the most important reason for the passing of the Great Reform Act in 1832.' How far do you agree? [50]**

### **LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895**

- 4 Assess the reasons for the political domination of the Whigs and Liberals in the period from 1846 to 1868. [50]**
- 5 'The loss of the support of non-conformists was the most important reason for the defeat of the Liberals in the 1874 election.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 6 How far did Disraeli achieve his aims in foreign and imperial policies in the period from 1874 to 1880? [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914**

- 7 How far was British foreign policy influenced by a fear of Russia in the period from 1856 to 1902? [50]**
- 8 ‘Support for imperialism declined from 1880 to 1902.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 9 To what extent did relations with Germany decline during the period from 1902 to 1914? [50]**

## **DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951**

- 10 How successful were the Labour governments of 1924 and 1929 to 1931? [50]**
- 11 Assess the reasons for the failure of the General Strike. [50]**
- 12 How successful were the reforms of the Labour governments of 1945 to 1951 in solving the social and economic problems they inherited? [50]**

## **FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990**

- 13 ‘Imperial interests were the most important reason why Britain did not join the EEC before 1973.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 14 How much domestic opposition was there to Britain’s possession of nuclear weapons in the period from 1945 to 1990? [50]**
- 15 To what extent was Britain a great power from 1945 to 1990? [50]**

## **POST-WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994**

- 16 How successfully did Macmillan deal with the problems he faced as Prime Minister? [50]**
- 17 ‘The Labour governments of 1964–1970 were more successful than the Labour governments of 1974–1979.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 18 Assess the reasons for opposition to Thatcher’s social and economic policies. [50]**

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