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HISTORY–HI2

UNIT 2

PERIOD STUDY 3

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF WALES AND ENGLAND, c. 1815-1914

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 6 June 2007

(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **one** question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question.

The quotations used in this unit may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer one question.

Candidates in their response to the interpretation question should consider the validity of the interpretation using their knowledge of the period and other possible interpretations. Candidates should also consider the factors which may have influenced the way in which the interpretation has been formed – such as the type of historian/author, the evidence available to the historian/author and the date of the publication.

1. Disraelian Conservatism, 1846-1880.

‘Disraeli was more interested in dramatic gestures than any carefully thought out political or social reform programme.’

[Richard Shannon, an academic historian specialising in modern political history, writing in a specialist textbook, *The Crisis of Imperialism* (1965)]

How valid is this interpretation of Disraeli’s motives in passing the Second Reform Act and his social reforms? [80]

2. Gladstonian Liberalism, 1868-1893.

‘Gladstone was a much shrewder political operator than his reputation as a moral crusader suggests.’

[A.J.P. Taylor, an academic historian specialising in modern history, writing in a book review of a biography of Gladstone, in the *Times Literary Supplement* (1954)]

How valid is this interpretation of Gladstone’s leadership of the Liberal party, 1868-1893? [80]

3. Protest movements and the growth of radicalism in Wales, 1815-1868.

‘The growth of liberalism rather than the excitement of Chartism and Rebecca strengthened radicalism in Wales.’

[Gwyn Williams, an academic Marxist historian and specialist in nineteenth century Welsh history, writing in a popular history book, *When was Wales?* (1985)]

How valid is this interpretation of the growth of radicalism in Wales, 1815-1868? [80]