



**GCE A level**

474/07

**HISTORY – HI4**

**UNIT 4**

**PERIOD STUDY 7**

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE,  
c. 1815-1917**

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 4 June 2008

1½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **two** questions.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

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

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*Answer two questions.*

**1. France: Napoleon III and the Second Empire, 1852-1871.**

‘Napoleon III’s policies were nothing more than panic responses to public opinion.’ Discuss. [80]

**2. Russia, 1896-1917.**

‘Nicholas II’s half-hearted acceptance of political reform was the critical factor in the collapse of the Tsarist regime in 1917.’ Discuss. [80]

**3. International relations, 1871-1914.**

To what extent was Balkan rivalry the biggest threat to international security in the period 1871-1914? [80]