



**GCE AS/A level**

1231/08

**HISTORY – HY1**

**UNIT 1**

**PERIOD STUDY 8**

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE, c. 1878-1980**

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 May 2011

1½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

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

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

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*Answer two questions.*

**1. International relations, c. 1878-1920**

- (a) Explain why the First World War broke out in 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Russia the main threat to international relations in the period 1878-1920? [36]

**2. Italy, c. 1918-1944**

- (a) Explain why there was opposition to fascism in Italy. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the signing of the Concordat with the Catholic church Mussolini's greatest achievement in Italy between 1922-1944? [36]

**3. The Communist revolution in Russia, c. 1917-1941**

- (a) Explain why Stalin introduced the Five Year Plans. [24]
- (b) To what extent was collectivization of agriculture the most significant development in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]