



GCE AS/A level

1231/06

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 6

ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE, c. 1696-1815

A.M. TUESDAY, 15 May 2012

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 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 square 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 marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer two questions.

1. Russia during the reign of Peter the Great, 1696-1725

- (a) Explain why Peter the Great became involved in the Great Northern War. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Peter the Great's expansion of the armed forces the most successful policy of his reign, 1696-1725? [36]

2. Prussia during the reign of Frederick the Great, 1740-1786

- (a) Explain why Prussia became involved in the Seven Years War, 1756-1763. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Frederick the Great's invasion of Silesia the most important development for Prussia during his reign, 1740-1786? [36]

3. The Hapsburg Empire during the reigns of Charles VI and Maria Theresa, 1711-1780

- (a) Explain why Charles VI drew up the Pragmatic Sanction. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the War of Austrian Succession the most significant development in the Hapsburg Empire, 1711-1780? [36]