



**GCE AS/A level**

1231/08

**HISTORY – HY1**

**UNIT 1**

**PERIOD STUDY 8**

**ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE,  
c. 1878-1989**

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 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. International relations, c.1878-1920**

- (a) Explain why German foreign policy increased tensions in Europe before 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent did peace treaties make the most significant impact upon international relations in the period 1878-1920? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why Mussolini was appointed Prime Minister of Italy in 1922. [24]
- (b) To what extent was foreign policy mainly responsible in maintaining the support of the Italian people for Mussolini between 1922-1944? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why Stalin introduced the collectivisation of agriculture. [24]
- (b) To what extent were industrial workers the group most affected by the Communist revolution in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]