



GCE AS/A level

1231/08

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 8

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

P.M. MONDAY, 16 January 2012

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 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. International relations, c. 1878-1920

- (a) Explain why there was instability in the Balkans up to 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent was colonial rivalry mainly responsible for creating international tensions in the period 1878-1920? [36]

2. Italy, c. 1918-1944

- (a) Explain why Italy invaded Abyssinia. [24]
- (b) To what extent were industrial workers the group most affected by the Fascist government in Italy in the period 1922-1944? [36]

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

- (a) Explain why there was a Bolshevik revolution in Russia in October 1917. [24]
- (b) To what extent were agricultural workers the group most affected by the Communist revolution in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]