



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, 13 January 2014

1 hour 40 minutes

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 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.

In your answer to part (a) you are advised to provide a linked and coherent explanation.

In your answer to part (b) you are advised to evaluate the issue named in the question against a range of other important issues.

1. International relations, c. 1878-1914

- (a) **Explain why** there were tensions in the Balkans before 1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent was Germany the **main threat** to international relations in the period 1878-1914? [36]

2. Germany, c. 1878-1919

- (a) **Explain why** the German economy grew in the period 1878-1914. [24]
- (b) To what extent did defeat in the First World War have the **most significant impact** on Germany between 1878-1919? [36]

3. Italy, c. 1918-1944

- (a) **Explain why** Mussolini fell from power in 1943. [24]
- (b) To what extent did Fascist social policy have the **greatest impact** on the Italian people between 1922-1944? [36]

4. The Communist Revolution in Russia, c. 1917-1941

- (a) **Explain why** the Bolsheviks introduced War Communism in 1918. [24]
- (b) Was the New Economic Policy the **most significant feature** of the Communist Revolution in Russia in the period 1917-1941? [36]

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