



GCE AS/A level

1231/08

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 8

Aspects of the History of Europe, c. 1878-1989

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 13 May 2015

1 hour 40 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

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 assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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

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 was rivalry between France and Germany in this period. [24]

(b) To what extent was Russia the MAIN THREAT to international relations in the period 1878-1914?

[36]

2. GERMANY, C. 1878-1919

- (a) EXPLAIN WHY Germany was defeated in the First World War. [24]**

- (b) To what extent did Bismarck's foreign policy have the MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACT upon the development of Germany between 1878-1919? [36]**

3. ITALY, C. 1918-1944

- (a) EXPLAIN WHY Fascism became popular in Italy between 1918-1922. [24]**

- (b) To what extent did the use of terror by the Fascists have the GREATEST IMPACT on the Italian people between 1922-1944? [36]**

- 4. THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA,
C. 1917-1941**
- (a) EXPLAIN WHY Stalin carried out purges. [24]**
- (b) To what extent did economic changes have the
MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFECT on Russian society
in the period 1917-1941? [36]**

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