



GCE AS/A level

1231/08



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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

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 assessment 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 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]

END OF PAPER