



HISTORY
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PAPER 3 – EUROPE (INCLUDING RUSSIA/USSR)

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2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.

- 1. To what extent was the French monarchy both the main cause and the main victim of the 1789 French Revolution?
- 2. Assess the domestic policies of Napoleon I between 1799 and 1814.
- 3. "The Congress System was a genuine attempt by the Great Powers to produce a unified policy, but their interests were too diverse for it to succeed." To what extent do you agree with this judgment?
- **4.** Analyse the main reasons why Louis Philippe became King of France in 1830, but lost his throne in 1848.
- 5. Compare and contrast the roles of Cavour and Garibaldi in Italian unification between 1852 and 1861.
- 6. What were the main areas of industrial growth in Victorian Britain, and how did they affect the social and economic conditions of the people?
- 7. For what reasons, and with what results up to 1871, did Prussia replace Austria as the leading Germanic power in the German Confederation?
- **8.** Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of Russia in the second half of the nineteenth century.
- 9. "Bismarck pursued a successful foreign policy between 1871 and 1890, but was often defeated on domestic issues." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- **10.** Assess the impact of developments in **either** transport **or** agriculture on **one** European country in the second half of the nineteenth century.
- 11. Analyse the impact of either nationalism or socialism on nineteenth century Europe.
- 12. Why, in spite of crises, was the Third French Republic still in power in 1905?
- **13.** Compare and contrast political developments in **either** the nineteenth **or** twentieth century, in **two** of the following: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden.
- **14.** Why were the Central Powers defeated in the First World War?

- **15.** Analyse the reasons for the success of the Bolsheviks in the second (October/November) 1917 Russian Revolution.
- **16.** Compare and contrast political and economic problems, between 1919 and 1939, in **two** of the following: France, Germany, Great Britain.
- 17. Mussolini wrote "war alone drives men to make their greatest efforts". In what ways, and with what success, did Mussolini seek to put this belief into practice?
- **18.** Analyse the ideologies of **two** twentieth century European totalitarian states.
- **19.** Compare and contrast the impact of the Spanish Civil War on Spain and on **one** other European state between 1936 and 1939.
- **20.** Why did the Second World War break out in 1939?
- **21.** "I am not an adventurer, but we must aid national liberation movements." To what extent does Khrushchev's assertion explain his foreign policy between 1953 and 1964?
- **22.** What were the main problems faced by post-war western Europe in 1945, and to what extent were they overcome by 1970?
- **23.** Examine the impact of economic problems between 1939 and 1995 on **two** communist eastern or central European states (excluding the USSR).
- **24.** Assess the role of the media in **one** twentieth century European state.
- **25.** Analyse the successes and failures of **one** of the following European heads of state: Franco, Gorbachev, Salazar.