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HISTORY
ROUTE 2
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PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Thursday 9 May 2013 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions. Each question is worth *[20 marks]*.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is *[60 marks]*.



The French Revolution and Napoleon — mid eighteenth century to 1815

1. “The poor judgment of Louis XVI was responsible for the destruction of the monarchy in France by 1793.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
2. Assess the impact of the domestic policies of Napoleon in France in the years 1799–1814.

Unification and consolidation of Germany and Italy 1815–1890

3. Why was the Italian nationalist movement so ineffective in the years 1815–1848?
4. How successful were Bismarck’s domestic policies in the years 1871–1890?

Ottoman Empire from the early nineteenth to the early twentieth century

5. How and why did the major powers intervene against Muhammad Ali in the 1830s?
6. Assess the Ottoman Empire’s role in the outbreak of the Crimean War (1854–1856).

Western and Northern Europe 1848–1914

7. “In spite of frequent crises the Third French Republic was stable up until 1905.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Assess the impact of social reform legislation in Britain in the years 1850–1900.

Imperial Russia, revolutions, emergence of Soviet State 1853–1924

9. To what extent do you agree that Alexander II transformed Russian society?
10. Assess the impact of the Russo–Japanese War on the reign of Nicholas II up to 1914.

European diplomacy and the First World War 1870–1923

11. Discuss the significance of the Alliance System on European affairs in the years 1871–1914.
12. Examine the reasons for, and the consequences of, the United States’ entry into the First World War in 1917.

War and change in the Middle East 1914–1949

13. “Atatürk transformed the political, economic and social structure of Turkey.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
14. Analyse the reasons for Israeli success in the Arab–Israeli conflict (1948–1949).

Interwar years: conflict and cooperation 1919–1939

15. Evaluate the methods used by Mussolini to gain and retain power in the years 1919–1926.
16. “Hitler had clear foreign policy aims but no plan of how to achieve them.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe 1924–2000

17. Assess Stalin’s role in the collapse of the wartime alliance.
18. Examine the extent of political change in Russia in the years 1991–2000.

The Second World War and post-war Western Europe 1939–2000

19. Why were the Axis powers defeated in Europe in the Second World War (1939–1945)?
20. Analyse the reasons for Spain’s relatively peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy in the years 1975–1977.

Post-war developments in the Middle East 1945–2000

21. Examine the causes and consequences of the Intifada 1987–1993.
22. Analyse the reasons for the limited success of the Pan-Arab Movement in the years 1950–2000.

Social and economic developments in Europe and the Middle East in the nineteenth or twentieth century

23. With reference to **one** country of the region and **one** fifty year period, examine the social and political impact of immigration.
 24. With reference to **one** country of the region, examine the consequences of changes in the media on society up until 2000.
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