



HISTORY

Paper 2 Outline Study

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.

- Section A: European option
- Section B: American option
- Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

- The total mark for this paper is 60.

- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has 4 pages.

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Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

1 France, 1774–1814

- (a) Explain why the Jacobins fell from power in 1794. [10]
- (b) 'Repressive rather than reformist.' How far do you agree with this view of Napoleon's regime? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

- (a) Explain why the factory system was important in the development of the Industrial Revolution in Britain. [10]
- (b) 'The Swing Riots were a response to economic hardship.' How far do you agree? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

- (a) Explain why Lenin issued his April Theses. [10]
- (b) 'By 1914 the Tsarist regime was secure.' How far do you agree? [20]

Section B: American option**The history of the USA, 1820–1941****4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77**

- (a) Explain why the Confederacy was able to resist the Union for four years. [10]
- (b) 'Sharecropping was the main reason there was little change in the position of ex-slaves in the South.' How valid is this view of the Reconstruction period? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s–1920

- (a) Explain why Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell were able to become successful businessmen. [10]
- (b) To what extent do you agree that the 'boss' system was responsible for poor living conditions in cities in the late nineteenth century? [20]

6 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41

- (a) Explain why Roosevelt needed to encourage Southern Democrats to support the New Deal coalition. [10]
- (b) 'Overproduction was the most serious problem facing US agriculture in the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

Section C: International option**International history, 1870–1945****7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919**

- (a) Explain why the Jameson Raid led to worsening relations between Britain and Germany. [10]
- (b) 'The closing of the frontier was responsible for the change in the United States' attitude towards overseas expansion.' How far do you agree? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s

- (a) Explain why the terms of the Treaty of Sèvres were unpopular with Turks. [10]
- (b) 'Relations between Germany and France were unfriendly during the 1920s.' How far do you agree? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912–45

- (a) Explain why Japan's international policies during the 1930s became increasingly aggressive. [10]
- (b) To what extent was Yuan Shih-kai responsible for the failure to establish a strong central government in China after the 1911 Revolution? [20]

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