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HISTORY

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Paper 2 Outline Study

For examination from 2027

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 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.

INFORMATION

- 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.

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

Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1774–1924

1 Liberalism and nationalism in Germany, 1815–71

(a) Explain why the Franco-Prussian War broke out in 1870. [10]

(b) 'The Zollverein's role was economic not political.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

2 Russia from autocracy to revolution, 1881–1924

(a) Explain why Trotsky was important for Bolshevik success in October 1917. [10]

(b) To what extent did the New Economic Policy have popular support? [20]

Section B: American option**The history of the USA, 1820–1941****3 The Civil War and Reconstruction, 1820–77**

(a) Explain why the Dred Scott judgement created sectional tensions. [10]

(b) 'Grant made Reconstruction a success.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

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

(a) Explain why Roosevelt began his presidency with the First 100 Days. [10]

(b) To what extent were government policies responsible for the Great Depression? [20]

Section C: International option**International history, 1870–1939****5 International relations, 1919–1929: conflict and cooperation**

- (a) Explain why the League of Nations was involved in a dispute over the Aaland Islands in 1921. [10]
- (b) 'During the 1920s the work of the League's agencies was more successful than its peacekeeping work.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

6 International history, 1929–39: the rise of extremism and the road to war

- (a) Explain why the Nazi–Soviet Pact was formed in 1939. [10]
- (b) To what extent did the invasion of Abyssinia indicate a major change in Mussolini's foreign policy in the 1930s? [20]

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