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HISTORY

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Paper 4 Depth Study

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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. Any blank pages are indicated.

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

Section A: European history in the interwar years, 1919–41

- 1 Assess the view that repression was the main reason why Mussolini maintained control of Italy from 1925 to 1941. [30]
- 2 Evaluate the effectiveness of Stalin's Five-Year Plans. [30]
- 3 'Hitler's foreign policy objectives were the main factor that influenced Nazi economic policy.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 4 Assess the impact of new industries on the British economy in the period 1919 to 1939. [30]

Section B: The USA, 1944–92

- 5 Assess the reasons why the Republicans failed to win the presidential election of 1948. [30]
- 6 Evaluate the impact of Black Power in the 1960s and 1970s. [30]
- 7 Assess the significance of US trade deficits in the 1980s and early 1990s. [30]
- 8 'The Reagan Doctrine was a success.' Assess this view. [30]

Section C: International history, 1945–92

- 9 Analyse how far détente improved US–Soviet relations in the period 1963 to 1980. [30]
- 10 'US support for Taiwan was the main factor influencing Sino–US relations during the Cold War.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 11 'Senghor was mainly responsible for Senegal gaining its independence.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 12 Assess the causes of the Iran–Iraq War. [30]

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