Edexcel GCE History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 2
Option D: The British Empire Challenged

Thursday 10 June 2010 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You must have:
Sources Insert (enclosed)

Instructions
• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Answer question part (a) and part (b) of the topic for which you have been prepared. There is a choice of questions in part (b).
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 60.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in ALL your responses – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Keep an eye on the time.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Choose EITHER D1 (Question 1) OR D2 (Question 2) for which you have been prepared.

D1 – Britain and Ireland, 1867–1922

Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert.
Answer Question 1, parts (a) and (b). There is a choice of questions in part (b).

You should start the answer to part (a) on page 4.
You should start the answer to part (b) (i) OR (b) (ii) on page 9.

Question 1

Answer part (a) and then answer EITHER part (b) (i) OR part (b) (ii).

(a) Study Sources 1, 2 and 3.

How far do Sources 1, 2 and 3 support the view that, in the later nineteenth century, unrest in Ireland was caused mainly by economic issues?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 1, 2 and 3.

(20)

EITHER

(b) (i) Use Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that, in the years before the First World War, the main reason why English politicians were unable to settle the Irish question was their failure to understand it?

Explain your answer, using Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.

(40)

OR

(b) (ii) Use Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that the main cause of the Anglo-Irish conflict of 1919–21 was nationalist extremism?

Explain your answer, using Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge.

(40)

(Total for Question 1 = 60 marks)
Choose EITHER D1 (Question 1) OR D2 (Question 2) for which you have been prepared.

D2 – Britain and the Nationalist Challenge in India, 1900–47

Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert. Answer Question 2, parts (a) and (b). There is a choice of questions in part (b).

You should start the answer to part (a) on page 4. You should start the answer to part (b) (i) OR (b) (ii) on page 9.

Question 2

Answer part (a) and then answer EITHER part (b) (i) OR part (b) (ii).

(a) Study Sources 10, 11 and 12.

How far do Sources 10, 11 and 12 suggest that the main responsibility for the failure of the Cabinet Mission of 1946 lay with Mohammed Ali Jinnah and the Muslim League?

Explain your answer, using the evidence of Sources 10, 11 and 12. (20)

EITHER

(b) (i) Use Sources 13, 14 and 15 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that, in the years 1919–39, the British worked consistently to create a peaceful, self-governing India?

Explain your answer, using Sources 13, 14 and 15 and your own knowledge. (40)

OR

(b) (ii) Use Sources 16, 17 and 18 and your own knowledge.

Do you agree with the view that, in the years 1900–47, British attitudes towards Indian independence were dictated mainly by Britain's economic needs?

Explain your answer, using Sources 16, 17 and 18 and your own knowledge. (40)

(Total for Question 2 = 60 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box □. If you change your mind, put a line through the box □ and then indicate your new question with a cross X.

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