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AS GCE HISTORY A

F961/02 British History Period Studies
Option B: Modern 1783–1994

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
 - From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846
 - Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895
 - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914
 - Domestic Issues 1918–1951
 - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990
 - Post-War Britain 1951–1994.
- There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. Answer any **two** questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846

- 1 Assess the reasons why the Whigs were unable to challenge Pitt's domination of British politics in the period from 1783 to 1801. [50]
- 2 'Peel's reforms at the Home Office were the most liberal reforms of the Tory governments of 1822–30.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 'Government in the national rather than party interest.' How far do you agree with this view of Peel's ministry of 1841–46? [50]

Liberals and Conservatives 1846–95

- 4 Assess the reasons why there was so much support for liberalism in the period from 1846 to 1868. [50]
- 5 Assess the reasons why Disraeli and the Conservatives lost the 1868 election. [50]
- 6 'The Liberal ministry of 1880–85 was more successful than that of 1892–95.' How far do you agree? [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914

- 7 'The aims of British foreign policy in the Balkans changed considerably in the period from 1856 to 1902.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 8 Assess the reasons why Britain was involved in Africa in the period from 1868 to 1902. [50]
- 9 Assess the reasons why relations with Russia improved in the period after 1902. [50]

Domestic Issues 1918–51

- 10 How important was the First World War in the decline of the Liberal party by 1924? [50]
- 11 Assess the reasons for the high rate of unemployment in Britain in the 1930s. [50]
- 12 Assess the social and economic impact of the Second World War on Britain. [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–90

- 13 How similar were Conservative and Labour attitudes to Europe in the period from 1945 to 1973? [50]
- 14 How important was Macmillan's 'Wind of Change' speech in changing British attitudes to the Empire? [50]
- 15 'Britain's great power status was undermined after the Second World War.' How far do you agree? [50]

Post-War Britain 1951–94

- 16 Assess the Labour party's problems in the period from 1951 to 1964. [50]
- 17 Assess the reasons why Heath won the 1970 election. [50]
- 18 'British government policies towards Northern Ireland were ineffective in the period from 1969 to 1994.' How far do you agree? [50]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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