



Thursday 22 May 2014 – Afternoon

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
(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 How serious were the radical threats to Pitt's governments? [50]
- 2 How far would you agree that Tory governments were no more liberal from 1822 to 1830 than from 1812 to 1822? [50]
- 3 How effective was Peel as a party leader? [50]

Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895

- 4 How limited were the achievements of Gladstone's first ministry? [50]
- 5 How important were Disraeli's qualities in his emergence as Conservative leader? [50]
- 6 'Disraeli's wish to improve the condition of the people was the most important reason for the domestic reforms of his second ministry.' How far do you agree? [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914

- 7 'Fear of Russia dominated British foreign and imperial policy from 1856 to 1902.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 8 'The policy of Imperialism from 1880 to 1902 was consistently popular in England.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 9 Assess the reasons why there was so much support in Britain for the decision to go to war in 1914. [50]

Domestic Issues 1918–1951

- 10 Assess the reasons for the growth of the Labour party in the period 1918 to 1924. [50]
- 11 'The Trade Unions were the most important reason for the General Strike in 1926.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 How important was Attlee's role in Labour's election victory of 1945? [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990

- 13 'Economic weakness was the main reason why Britain decolonised.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 14 Assess the reasons why Britain's attitude towards Europe changed in the 1960s. [50]
- 15 How successful was Thatcher as a world leader? [50]

Post-War Britain 1951–1994

- 16 Assess the reasons why the Labour party won the 1964 election. [50]
- 17 'The Heath government was a complete failure.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 'Conservative strength rather than Labour weakness was the most important reason for Thatcher's election victories.' How far do you agree? [50]

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