

**Thursday 22 May 2014 – Afternoon**

**AS GCE HISTORY A**

**F962/02 European and World History Period Studies**  
**Option B: Modern 1795–2003**



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 ten Study Topics:
  - Napoleon, France and Europe 1795–1815
  - Monarchy, Republic and Empire: France 1814–1870
  - The USA in the 19th Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890
  - Peace and War: International Relations c.1890–1941
  - From Autocracy to Communism: Russia 1894–1941
  - Democracy and Dictatorship: Italy 1896–1943
  - The Rise of China 1911–1990
  - Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919–1963
  - The Cold War in Europe from 1945 to the 1990s
  - Crisis in the Middle East 1948–2003
- There are three questions 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.

### **Napoleon, France and Europe 1795–1815**

- 1 ‘Napoleon remained in power only because he silenced opposition.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 2 ‘Divisions amongst his enemies were the main reason for Napoleon’s military success in Europe to 1807.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 ‘The consistent opposition of Britain was the main cause of Napoleon’s downfall.’ How far do you agree? [50]

### **Monarchy, Republic and Empire: France 1814–1870**

- 4 ‘Louis XVIII’s reign must be considered a success.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 5 How far were Charles X’s religious policies the main reason for the 1830 Revolution? [50]
- 6 To what extent was Napoleon III’s foreign policy a failure? [50]

### **The USA in the 19th Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890**

- 7 Assess the reasons why Americans moved to the West in the nineteenth century. [50]
- 8 Assess the reasons why the 1850 Compromise failed to resolve tensions between North and South in the 1850s. [50]
- 9 To what extent was Confederate weakness the main reason for the Union’s victory in the Civil War? [50]

### **Peace and War: International Relations c.1890–1941**

- 10 How far were problems in the Balkans the main reason for the First World War? [50]
- 11 ‘Military technology favoured defence.’ How far was this the main reason for stalemate on the Western Front in the First World War? [50]
- 12 To what extent was the failure of the League of Nations the main reason for the Second World War? [50]

**From Autocracy to Communism: Russia 1894–1941**

- 13** Assess the reasons why the Provisional Government was unable to survive in 1917. [50]
- 14** How successfully did Lenin deal with the problems he faced in the period following the Bolshevik (October) Revolution in 1917 to 1924? [50]
- 15** Assess the impact of Stalin's economic policies in the 1930s. [50]

**Democracy and Dictatorship: Italy 1896–1943**

- 16** To what extent was the rise of socialism the main threat to the stability of parliamentary government in Italy from 1896 to 1914? [50]
- 17** Assess the reasons why Mussolini was able to gain power in 1922. [50]
- 18** 'After 1922 and throughout the rest of the 1920s, Mussolini was largely successful in all areas of policy.' How far do you agree? [50]

**The Rise of China 1911–1990**

- 19** How successfully did the Nationalists establish their power in China in the 1920s and 30s? [50]
- 20** 'The strengths of the Communists were the main reason for Jiang Jieshi's (Chiang Kai-shek's) failure to crush them.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 21** 'From the Hundred Flowers Campaign (1957) to his death (1976), Mao's only concern was to hold onto power.' How far do you agree? [50]

**Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919–1963**

- 22** How successfully did Weimar governments deal with the political problems they faced in the 1920s? [50]
- 23** How effective was Hitler's government in overcoming the economic problems it faced in the 1930s? [50]
- 24** To what extent was economic success the main reason for political stability in West Germany in the 1950s? [50]

## The Cold War in Europe from 1945 to the 1990s

- 25** Assess the Soviet Union's motives for establishing control over Eastern Europe from 1945 to 1948. [50]
- 26** How far did relations between East and West change during the Cold War period from 1948 to the 1980s? [50]
- 27** Assess the consequences for Eastern Europe in the 1990s of the collapse of Soviet power. [50]

## Crisis in the Middle East 1948–2003

- 28** How successful was Nasser's leadership both at home and abroad? [50]
- 29** Assess the consequences of the Six Day War. [50]
- 30** Assess the reasons why Western powers intervened in Iraq from 1991 to 2003. [50]



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