



**GCE A level**

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**HISTORY – HY4**

**UNIT 4**

**PERIOD STUDY 6**

**Aspects of the History of Europe, c. 1696-1815**

A.M. MONDAY, 8 June 2015

1 hour 40 minutes

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions, **one** from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question.

**You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.**

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*Answer two questions, one from Section A and one from Section B.*

**SECTION A**

*Answer one question.*

**1. Catherine the Great, 1762-1796**

How effectively did Catherine the Great solve the problems she faced during her reign? [40]

**2. Commercial and colonial rivalry, c. 1750-1815**

'The desire to gain commercial advantage was the main reason for rivalry between Prussia and Russia in the Baltic between 1750 and 1815.' Discuss. [40]

**SECTION B**

*Answer one question.*

**1. France, c. 1715-1815**

To what extent were changes in leadership the most significant development in France during the period 1715-1815? [40]

**2. Great Power rivalry, c. 1696-1815**

'France's ambition to dominate Europe was the most significant influence on great power rivalry during the period 1696-1815.' Discuss. [40]

**END OF PAPER**