



GCE AS/A level

1231/06

HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 6

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

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 14 May 2014

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.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

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.

In your answer to part (a) you are advised to provide a linked and coherent explanation.

In your answer to part (b) you are advised to evaluate the issue named in the question against a range of other important issues.

1. Russia during the reign of Peter the Great, 1696-1725

- (a) **Explain why** the battle of Poltava in 1709 was important for Russia. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the reform of the church the **most significant change** in Peter the Great's reign, 1696-1725? [36]

2. Prussia during the reign of Frederick the Great, 1740-1786

- (a) **Explain why** Frederick the Great reformed the legal system in Prussia. [24]
- (b) To what extent were changes in the Prussian economy the **most significant development** of Frederick the Great's reign, 1740-1786? [36]

3. The Hapsburg Empire during the reigns of Charles VI and Maria Theresa, 1711-1780

- (a) **Explain why** Charles VI faced problems with the issue of succession. [24]
- (b) To what extent were Maria Theresa's domestic reforms the **most significant development** in the Hapsburg Empire during the period 1711-1780? [36]

4. International relations, c. 1710-1756

- (a) **Explain why** the Seven Years War broke out. [24]
- (b) To what extent did the War of Austrian Succession have the **most significant impact** on international relations between 1710-1756? [36]

END OF PAPER