



**Cambridge International Examinations**  
Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (9-1)

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**HISTORY**

**0977/04**

Paper 4 Alternative to Coursework

**For Examination from 2018**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **one** question from your chosen Depth Study.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.

Answer **one** question from your chosen Depth Study.

**DEPTH STUDY A: THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914–18**

- 1 How significant was the failure of the Schlieffen Plan to the course of the First World War? Explain your answer. [40]
- 2 How important were events at sea to the outcome of the First World War? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY B: GERMANY, 1918–45**

- 3 How important was the work of Goebbels in the Nazi takeover in Germany? Explain your answer. [40]
- 4 How significant was Stresemann in the recovery of Germany after 1923? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY C: RUSSIA, 1905–41**

- 5 How important was the First World War in the fall of Tsarist rule in Russia? Explain your answer. [40]
- 6 How significant was the contribution of Trotsky in preserving the Bolshevik Revolution in the period 1917–24? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY D: THE USA, 1919–41**

- 7 How important was the Wall Street Crash as a cause of the Great Depression in the USA? Explain your answer. [40]
- 8 How significant was the opposition of big business in limiting the impact of Roosevelt's New Deal? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY E: CHINA, c.1930–c.1990**

- 9 How important was the Long March, 1934, in the Communists coming to power in 1949? Explain your answer. [40]
- 10 How significant was the withdrawal of Soviet aid to the economic development of China in the 1960s? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY F: SOUTH AFRICA, c.1940–94**

- 11 What was the significance of the National Party's victory in 1948 in segregating the races in South Africa? Explain your answer. [40]
- 12 How important was opposition from countries outside South Africa in bringing apartheid to an end? Explain your answer. [40]

**DEPTH STUDY G: ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS SINCE 1945**

- 13 How important has disunity in neighbouring Arab states been in preserving the state of Israel? Explain your answer. [40]
- 14 How significant was the career of Yasser Arafat in the attempt to establish an independent Palestinian state? Explain your answer. [40]

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