
HISTORY

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Paper 4 Depth Study

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

This paper contains **three** sections:

Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Answer **two** questions from **one** section.

The marks are given in brackets [] at the end of each question.



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Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Answer any **two** questions.

- 1 'The introduction of War Communism was the main reason for the Bolshevik victory in the Russian Civil War.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 2 'Few opposed him.' To what extent was this the main reason for Mussolini becoming dictator of Italy? [30]
- 3 Assess the reasons why Stalin was able to accumulate so much power. [30]
- 4 'A weak dictator'. Assess this view of Hitler. [30]

Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Answer any **two** questions.

- 5 'By 1960, the USA had become a mainly suburban society.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 6 Analyse the reasons why, in 1971, President Nixon ended the gold-dollar standard established in 1945. [30]
- 7 How tolerant of social minorities were the American people in the 1980s? [30]
- 8 Assess the reasons why, after the Second World War, the USA abandoned its isolationist traditions. [30]

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Answer any **two** questions.

- 9** To what extent was the move towards détente in the 1970s caused by fear of nuclear war? [30]
- 10** ‘Gorbachev’s reforms were responsible for the collapse of the Soviet Union.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 11** ‘A total disaster for the people of China’. How far do you agree with this judgement on Mao Zedong’s economic policies? [30]
- 12** How consistent was the USA’s attitude towards Saddam Hussein in the period from 1980 to 1991? [30]

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