



Cambridge International AS & A Level

HISTORY

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Paper 4 Depth Study

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.
 - Section A: European option
 - Section B: American option
 - Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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

Section A: European history in the interwar years, 1919–41

- 1 Assess the view that Mussolini's political skill was the most important reason for his rise to power by 1922. [30]
- 2 'Stalin's fear of being overthrown was the main reason for the purges.' Assess this view. [30]
- 3 Assess the impact of Nazi policies towards the German workers in the period 1933–39. [30]
- 4 Evaluate the reasons for the limited impact of political extremism in Britain during the 1930s. [30]

Section B: The USA, 1944–92

- 5 'White opposition to the civil rights movement was caused mainly by economic concerns.' Evaluate this claim. [30]
- 6 Assess the political impact of the mass media in the 1960s and 1970s. [30]
- 7 Assess the reasons for continuing Affirmative Action policies in the 1980s. [30]
- 8 'The US was more responsible than the USSR for the Cuban Missile Crisis.' Assess this view. [30]

Section C: International history, 1945–92

- 9** 'The USSR's involvement in Afghanistan was the main reason for the collapse of the Soviet system.' Assess this view. [30]
- 10** 'The People's Republic of China entered the Korean War primarily to save communism in North Korea.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 11** Analyse the effects of dependence on ex-colonial trading partners on newly independent African nations. [30]
- 12** Assess how far Yasser Arafat's tactics for achieving a Palestinian state changed in the period up to 1979. [30]

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