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HISTORY

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Paper 4 Depth Study

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions, from your chosen Depth Study.
 - 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
 - Depth Study 4: African History, 1945–1991
 - Depth Study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s
- 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 [].

This document has **4** pages.

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

Answer any **two** questions.

- 1 'Offering popular policies was the main reason for the Bolshevik retention of power between 1918 and 1924.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 2 'The main reason why Mussolini was able to consolidate his power after 1922 was that his opponents were weak and divided.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 3 'Russia gained little and lost much.' Assess this view on the results of Stalin's economic policies. [30]
- 4 To what extent do economic factors explain the fall of the Weimar Republic? [30]

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

Answer any **two** questions.

- 5 Evaluate the reasons why Truman won the 1948 election. [30]
- 6 Assess the impact of affirmative action policies during the 1960s and 1970s. [30]
- 7 'The "war on drugs" of the 1980s had little impact.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 8 'The foreign policy of the United States during the 1970s and 1980s was dictated by its military failure in Vietnam.' How far do you agree? [30]

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

Answer any **two** questions.

- 9** Assess the importance of the Vietnam War in bringing about improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union in the 1970s. [30]
- 10** How significant was the invasion of Afghanistan in bringing about the Second Cold War? [30]
- 11** Assess the reasons why China overcame ‘the crisis of communism’ when the Soviet Union failed. [30]
- 12** ‘The Camp David Agreements only benefited Israel.’ Evaluate this view. [30]

Depth Study 4: African History, 1945–1991

Answer any **two** questions.

- 13** ‘The weakness of the colonial authorities rather than the influence of mass parties explains the achievement of independence in sub-Saharan Africa.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 14** Assess the factors which determined how inclusive government was in post-independence Africa. [30]
- 15** Assess the social changes which independence brought about in Africa. [30]
- 16** Assess the obstacles to an effective African bloc at the United Nations before 1991. [30]

Depth Study 5: Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s

Answer any **two** questions.

- 17** Assess the impact of Japanese rule on the rural communities of Southeast Asia during the Second World War. [30]
- 18** 'The most important impacts of the Vietnam War on Southeast Asia were economic.' How far do you agree? [30]
- 19** How effectively were the Philippines ruled in the post-Marcos years? [30]
- 20** How far did changes in communications bring about social changes in Southeast Asia from 1945 to the 1990s? [30]

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