

Cambridge International AS & A Level

HISTORY 9489/23

Paper 2 Outline Study

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

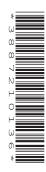
Answer two questions from one section only.

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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Section A: European option

Modern Europe, 1750–1921

1 France, 1774–1814

(a) Explain why Napoleon introduced the Civil Code. [10]

(b) 'Louis XVI brought about his own downfall.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

2 The Industrial Revolution in Britain, 1750–1850

(a) Explain why railways increased industrialisation. [10]

(b) How far was the political system changed by the Industrial Revolution in the period 1800–50? [20]

3 The Russian Revolution, 1894–1921

(a) Explain why the Bolshevik government used terror. [10]

(b) 'Between 1906–14 the Tsarist regime had overcome the opposition to it.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

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[10]

Section B: American option

The history of the USA, 1820-1941

4 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–77

- (a) Explain why Grant was appointed commander of the Union forces in March 1864. [10]
- (b) 'The Compromise of 1877 was agreed because Reconstruction had failed.' How far do you agree with this view? [20]

5 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1870s to 1920

- (a) Explain why the growth of railroads was important to the economy in the late nineteenth century. [10]
- (b) To what extent was social improvement the aim of the Progressive Movement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? [20]

6 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal policies, 1920–41

(a) Explain why the Great Depression lasted for so long.

(b) 'Opposition from the Supreme Court was the most significant challenge faced by Roosevelt's New Deal.' How far do you agree? [20]

Section C: International option

International history, 1870–1945

7 Empire and the emergence of world powers, 1870–1919

- (a) Explain why the Fashoda incident led to an improvement in Anglo–French relations. [10]
- (b) 'The interests of big business were the key to changes in US foreign policy in the late nineteenth century.' How far do you agree? [20]

8 The League of Nations and international relations in the 1920s

- (a) Explain why the French were dissatisfied with the Treaty of Versailles. [10]
- (b) How successful was the League of Nations in settling international territorial disputes in the 1920s? [20]

9 China and Japan, 1912-45

- (a) Explain why war broke out between Japan and China in 1937. [10]
- (b) How important was militarism in the failure of democracy in Japan in the 1930s? [20]

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