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HISTORY **9489/42**

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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 Evaluate the view that Mussolini's foreign policy from 1922 to 1941 had little chance of achieving its aims. [30]

2 Analyse the reasons for Stalin's industrialisation programme. [30]

3 Assess the extent to which German society was changed in the years 1933 to 1941. [30]

4 Assess the reasons for the change in living standards in Britain in the 1920s and 1930s. [30]

Section B: The history of the USA, 1944–92

5 Assess the reasons for the failure of the Democrats to defeat Eisenhower in the presidential elections of the 1950s. [30]

6 Evaluate the reasons for opposition to the counter-culture movement in the 1960s and 1970s. [30]

7 Assess how far US living standards changed in the 1980s and early 1990s. [30]

8 'A generous and idealistic response to the needs of Europe.' Evaluate this view of the Marshall Plan. [30]

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Section C: International history, 1945–92

9 Evaluate the impact of the Korean War on US–Soviet relations. [30]

10 'The main outcome of the Vietnam War was the humiliation of the United States.' Discuss this view. [30]

11 Analyse the extent to which social divisions created challenges for the newly independent African nations between 1950 and 1992. [30]

12 Analyse the impact of Soviet policies in the Middle East during the Cold War. [30]

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