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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
 - Section A (Core Content): answer **two** questions.
 - Section B (Depth Studies): answer **one** question.
- 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 **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

SECTION A: CORE CONTENT

Answer any **two** questions from this Section.

- 1** 1848 was a year of great upheaval in Europe.
- (a) Describe Kossuth's role in the revolution in Hungary in 1848–49. [4]
- (b) Why did the Frankfurt Parliament fail? [6]
- (c) 'Liberal ideas were the main cause of the 1848 revolutions.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 2** The path to Italian unification was not smooth.
- (a) What happened at Plombières in 1858? [4]
- (b) Why did Mazzini fail to unify Italy? [6]
- (c) Is it surprising that it took until 1870–71 to unify Italy? Explain your answer. [10]
- 3** Tension increased between North and South before the American Civil War.
- (a) What was the Dred Scott case? [4]
- (b) Why did Lincoln win the 1860 election? [6]
- (c) 'The Civil War was fought over the issue of slavery.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 4** The growth of European empires was not trouble free.
- (a) What was the Indian Mutiny? [4]
- (b) Why was the opium trade damaging to China? [6]
- (c) 'European powers ruled harshly over their African colonies.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

- 5 The Versailles Settlement had mixed consequences.
- (a) What were Clemenceau's aims at Versailles? [4]
 - (b) Why was Wilson's belief in self-determination important? [6]
 - (c) 'Loss of territory was the most serious consequence of the Versailles Settlement for Germany.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 6 The 1930s saw an increase in aggression from some states.
- (a) What did Hitler do to break the terms of the Treaty of Versailles? [4]
 - (b) Why did Britain adopt a policy of appeasement? [6]
 - (c) 'The increase in aggression from some states in the 1930s was caused by economic factors.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 7 US involvement in the Cold War was not always popular.
- (a) What was the Gulf of Tonkin incident? [4]
 - (b) Why did US public opinion turn against the Vietnam War? [6]
 - (c) How far do you agree that the US failed to contain the spread of communism? Explain your answer. [10]
- 8 The USSR faced challenges to its control over Eastern Europe.
- (a) Describe events in Hungary in 1956. [4]
 - (b) Why was Czechoslovakia invaded in 1968? [6]
 - (c) How far do you agree that Gorbachev was to blame for the collapse of Soviet power in Eastern Europe? Explain your answer. [10]

SECTION B: DEPTH STUDIES

Answer any **one** question from this Section.

DEPTH STUDY A: THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914–18

- 9** It was difficult to advance on the Western Front.
- (a) Describe the use of tanks on the Western Front. [4]
 - (b) Why was the Battle of Verdun important for the Allies? [6]
 - (c) Who achieved more from the Battle of the Somme, the Allies or the Germans? Explain your answer. [10]
- 10** The First World War was fought on many fronts.
- (a) Describe German use of U-boats in the First World War. [4]
 - (b) Why did Germany experience food shortages? [6]
 - (c) 'Poor leadership was more important than food shortages in Russia's decision to leave the war.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY B: GERMANY, 1918–45

- 11** Many factors contributed to the Nazi takeover of Germany.
- (a) What happened on the Night of the Long Knives? [4]
 - (b) Why did the Nazi Party have little success before 1930? [6]
 - (c) 'The Reichstag Fire was the most important event in Hitler's consolidation of power during 1933.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 12** The Nazis attempted to control German society in many ways.
- (a) Describe actions taken by the Nazis against Jewish businesses in 1933. [4]
 - (b) Why were mass rallies important to the Nazis? [6]
 - (c) How far do you agree that the Nazis had control over German society? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY C: RUSSIA, 1905–41

- 13** The Tsar faced many challenges.
- (a) Describe the work of Stolypin. [4]
 - (b) Why was there discontent with the Russian government by 1905? [6]
 - (c) How surprising is it that the Tsar fell from power in 1917? Explain your answer. [10]
- 14** Life in the Soviet Union changed under Stalin's rule.
- (a) How did life in the countryside change under Stalin? [4]
 - (b) Why was industry brought under government control? [6]
 - (c) How far do you agree that women benefited from Stalin's rule? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY D: THE UNITED STATES, 1919–41

- 15** The 1920s brought changes to life in the USA.
- (a) What was the Sacco and Vanzetti case? [4]
 - (b) Why were the 1920s known as the 'Roaring Twenties'? [6]
 - (c) How far do you agree that Prohibition failed because it was unpopular? Explain your answer. [10]
- 16** There were mixed reactions to the New Deal.
- (a) What did Roosevelt mean by a 'New Deal'? [4]
 - (b) Why was the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) introduced? [6]
 - (c) 'The most serious opposition to the New Deal came from business leaders.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY E: CHINA, c.1930–c.1990

- 17** Many changes occurred in China in the 1950s.
- (a) Describe the changes made to education in China in the 1950s. [4]
 - (b) Why were the 'barefoot doctors' important? [6]
 - (c) 'The main reason for the introduction of communes in 1958 was to improve agricultural production.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 18** China's relationship with foreign powers changed over time.
- (a) Describe China's relationship with India up to 1965. [4]
 - (b) Why did China's relationship with Vietnam change in the 1970s? [6]
 - (c) 'Differences over ideology caused the change in relations between China and the USSR.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY F: SOUTH AFRICA, c.1940–c.1994

- 19** Apartheid was established during the 1950s and 1960s.
- (a) What was the Group Areas Act of 1950? [4]
 - (b) Why was the Bantu Self-Government Act introduced? [6]
 - (c) 'The Sharpeville Massacre was more important than the Defiance Campaign in the resistance to apartheid.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 20** The South African government introduced radical measures to maintain apartheid.
- (a) What happened in Soweto in 1976? [4]
 - (b) Why did the introduction of the Homelands policy make life worse for black South Africans? [6]
 - (c) 'Increased security measures were more important than government censorship in maintaining apartheid.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

DEPTH STUDY G: ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS SINCE 1945

- 21** After 1945 there was a struggle over the future of Palestine.
- (a) What were the aims of the Zionists after 1945? [4]
 - (b) Why did Israel win the 1948–49 war? [6]
 - (c) 'US pressure was the main reason for the change in British policy towards Palestine.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 22** Bringing peace to the Middle East has proved challenging.
- (a) Describe the differences in views between Labor and Likud towards the peace process. [4]
 - (b) Why did the Palestinian conflict become more intense after 1988? [6]
 - (c) How successful has the UN been in its efforts to deal with the Palestinian issue? Explain your answer. [10]

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