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Attempt ONE question from the part you have chosen

PART A — Church, state and feudal society, 1066–1406

1. How important was the role of the clergy in feudal society? **22**

2. To what extent was central royal power in Scotland successfully increased during the reign of David I? **22**

3. *The need to develop the economy was the main reason for the increase of central royal power in the reign of Henry II in England.*

How valid is this view? **22**

PART B — The century of revolutions, 1603–1702

4. To what extent were political issues the main reason for the problems faced by King James after the Union of the Crowns in 1603? **22**

5. *Political issues were the main reason for the outbreak of civil war in England.*

How valid is this view? **22**

6. How important was the role of the army as a reason for the failure to find an alternative form of government, 1649–1658? **22**

PART C — The trade in enslaved African people

7. *The importance of Caribbean colonies was the main reason for the development of the trade in enslaved Africans.*

How valid is this view? **22**

8. How important were racism and prejudice as a factor governing relations between enslaved Africans and their owners? **22**

9. To what extent did the trade in enslaved African people have a negative impact on African societies? **22**

SECTION 1 — BRITISH (continued)

PART D — Britain, 1851–1951

10. How important were the effects of industrialisation and urbanisation as a reason why Britain became more democratic, 1851–1928? **22**

11. To what extent were changing attitudes to women in society the main reason why some women were given the vote in 1918? **22**

12. *The social surveys of Booth and Rowntree were the main reason why the Liberals introduced social welfare reforms, 1906–1914.*

How valid is this view? **22**

PART E — Britain and Ireland, 1900–1985

13. To what extent was the re-emergence of Irish Republicanism the main reason for the growth of tension in Ireland, to 1914? **22**

14. *IRA tactics and policies were the main obstacle to peace, up to the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1918–1921.*

How valid is this view? **22**

15. How important was the role of Collins as a reason for the outbreak of the Irish Civil War? **22**

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SECTION 2 — EUROPEAN AND WORLD — 22 marks

Attempt ONE question from the part you have chosen

PART A — The crusades, 1071–1204

16. *The threat to Byzantium was the main reason for the calling of the First Crusade.*
How valid is this view? **22**

17. How important was the religious zeal of the Crusaders as a reason for the success of the First Crusade? **22**

18. To what extent was the death of Baldwin IV the main reason for the fall of Jerusalem in 1187? **22**

PART B — The American Revolution, 1763–1787

19. How important was resentment towards the old colonial system as a reason for resentment towards Britain by 1763? **22**

20. *The views of George III represented British opinion towards the conflict in the colonies.*
How valid is this view? **22**

21. To what extent was the American War of Independence global in nature? **22**

PART C — The French Revolution, to 1799

22. To what extent were financial issues the main threat to the security of the Ancien Régime before 1789? **22**

23. *The outbreak of war was the main reason for the failure of constitutional monarchy, up to 1792.*
How valid is this view? **22**

24. How important was the role of Robespierre as a reason for the Terror, 1792–1795? **22**

SECTION 2 — EUROPEAN AND WORLD (continued)

PART D — Germany, 1815–1939

25. To what extent were cultural factors the main reason for the growth of German nationalism, 1815–1850? **22**

26. How important were divisions among the nationalists as an obstacle to German unification, 1815–1850? **22**

27. *Prussian military strength was the main reason why unification was achieved in Germany, by 1871.*

How valid is this view? **22**

PART E — Italy, 1815–1939

28. *Economic factors were the main reason for the growth of Italian nationalism, 1815–1850.*

How valid is this view? **22**

29. To what extent was the dominant position of Austria the main obstacle to Italian unification, 1815–1850? **22**

30. How important was the role of Cavour as a reason why unification was achieved in Italy, by 1870? **22**

PART F — Russia, 1881–1921

31. *The security of the Tsarist State was not seriously challenged before 1905.*

How valid is this view? **22**

32. To what extent was the Tsar successful in his attempts to strengthen his authority, 1905–1914? **22**

33. How important was the role of Tsar Nicholas II as a reason for the February Revolution, 1917? **22**

SECTION 2 — EUROPEAN AND WORLD (continued)

PART G — USA, 1918–1968

34. To what extent were social fears the main reason for changing attitudes towards immigration in the 1920s? **22**

35. How important was the Wall Street Crash as a reason for the economic crisis of 1929–1933? **22**

36. *The New Deal was effective in solving America's problems in the 1930s.*

How valid is this view? **22**

PART H — Appeasement and the road to war, to 1939

37. To what extent were economic difficulties after 1929 the main reason for the aggressive nature of the foreign policies of Germany and Italy in the 1930s? **22**

38. How important were the beliefs of Chamberlain as a reason for the British policy of appeasement, 1936–1938? **22**

39. *British foreign policy was successful in containing Fascist aggression, 1935 to March 1938.*

How valid is this view? **22**

PART I — The Cold War, 1945–1989

40. *Ideological differences were the main reason for the emergence of the Cold War, up to 1955.*

How valid is this view? **22**

41. To what extent was Khrushchev's view of Kennedy the main reason for the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962? **22**

42. How important were the weaknesses of South Vietnam as a reason why the United States lost the war in Vietnam? **22**

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