

Wednesday 16 January 2013 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY A

F961/02 British History Period Studies
Option B: Modern 1783–1994



Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **100**.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
 - From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846
 - Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895
 - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914
 - Domestic Issues 1918–1951
 - Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990
 - Post-War Britain 1951–1994
- There are eighteen questions, three for each Study Topic. Answer any **two** questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

From Pitt to Peel 1783–1846

- 1 ‘Never a serious threat.’ How far do you agree with this view of the radical challenge in the period from 1812 to 1822? [50]
- 2 ‘Their only liberal measures were in trade and finance.’ How far do you agree with this view of the Tory governments of 1822–1830? [50]
- 3 How successful was Peel as leader of the Conservative party to 1841? [50]

Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895

- 4 Assess the reasons why the Whigs were transformed into the Liberal party during the period 1846–68. [50]
- 5 How important was the Second Reform Act (1867) in Disraeli’s emergence as Conservative leader? [50]
- 6 How successful were the domestic reforms of Disraeli’s second ministry (1874–1880)? [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914

- 7 How successfully did Britain protect its interests in the Eastern Question from 1856 to 1902? [50]
- 8 How important was the Boer War in changing attitudes in Britain to imperialism? [50]
- 9 Assess the reasons why Britain went to war in 1914. [50]

Domestic Issues 1918–1951

- 10 ‘Conservative policies were the most important reason why they dominated politics in the period from 1918 to 1929.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 Assess the causes of the General Strike. [50]
- 12 Assess the reasons for the Conservative defeat in the 1945 election. [50]

Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990

- 13 How seriously did Britain take European co-operation in the period from 1945 to 1973? [50]
- 14 ‘Thatcher’s successes outweighed her failures.’ How far do you agree with this view of Thatcher’s foreign policy? [50]
- 15 Assess Britain’s role in Europe and world diplomacy from 1945 to 1990. [50]

Post-War Britain 1951–1994

- 16 ‘Thirteen years of Conservative misrule.’ How far does this explain Labour’s election victory in 1964? [50]
- 17 How far did Heath change the Conservative party? [50]
- 18 ‘British Government policies were the most important reason for the failure to solve the Irish problem.’ How far do you agree? [50]

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