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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
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HISTORY

British History Period Studies
Option B: Modern 1783–1994

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2010: Afternoon
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any TWO questions.

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.

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Answer any TWO questions

FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846

- 1 To what extent was the support of the crown the MOST important reason for Pitt's domination of politics from 1783 to 1793? [50]**
- 2 How far would you agree that the Conservative party was more liberal from 1822 to 1830 than from 1812 to 1822? [50]**
- 3 How successful was Peel's leadership of the Conservative party to 1846? [50]**

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895

- 4 How important was the influence of Gladstone in the emergence of the Liberal party by 1868? [50]**
- 5 'The loss of working class support was the MOST important reason for the defeat of the Liberal party in the 1874 election.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 6 To what extent did Disraeli's ministries of 1867 and 1874–1880 follow the ideas of Tory democracy? [50]**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914

- 7 To what extent was the maintenance of the balance of power the MOST important factor influencing British foreign policy from 1856 to 1902? [50]**
- 8 How far did support for imperialism decline from 1880 to 1902? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why Britain's attitude to major European powers changed from 1902. [50]**

DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951

- 10 How successful was the Conservative party from 1918 to 1929? [50]**
- 11 'Poor Trade Union leadership was the MOST important reason for the failure of the General Strike.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 12 How successful were the Labour governments' reforms of 1945–51 in improving social and economic conditions? [50]**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990

- 13 How far did British foreign policy change from 1945 to 1964? [50]**
- 14 How far was the decline of the British Empire the MOST important reason for the change in British attitudes towards Europe from 1945 to 1973? [50]**
- 15 To what extent did Thatcher achieve her aims in foreign policy? [50]**

POST-WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994

- 16 ‘Labour weakness was the MOST important reason for Conservative dominance from 1951 to 1964.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 17 How successful was Heath as leader of the Conservative party? [50]**
- 18 Assess the reasons why governments were unable to solve the Irish problem in the period to 1994. [50]**

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