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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
F961/02
HISTORY

British History Period Studies
Option B: Modern 1783–1994

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2009: Morning
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. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.**
- **Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **Every question is marked out of 50.**
- **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 from any one Study Topic or from any two Study Topics.**
- **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.**

OPTION B: MODERN 1783–1994

FROM PITT TO PEEL 1783–1846

- 1 How serious were the radical challenges to Lord Liverpool's government in the period from 1812 to 1822?**
- 2 How far was Peel able to reconstruct the Tory party in the period after 1834?**
- 3 How successful were Peel's economic and financial reforms in the period from 1841 to 1846?**

LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES 1846–1895

- 4 To what extent were the reforms of Gladstone's first ministry limited in their achievements?**
- 5 'Disraeli became leader of the Conservative party because there was no-one else.' How far do you agree with this view?**
- 6 'Tory democracy was the most important element of Disraelian Conservatism.' How far do you agree with this view?**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1856–1914

- 7 To what extent were economic motives the MOST important reason for Britain obtaining influence and possessions in Africa from 1868 to 1902?**
- 8 To what extent did the Anglo-Japanese alliance of 1902 mark a significant change in British foreign policy?**
- 9 How far was the German invasion of Belgium the MAIN reason for Britain going to war in 1914?**

DOMESTIC ISSUES 1918–1951

- 10 How important was the First World War in the growth of the Labour party in the period from 1918 to 1924?**
- 11 ‘Baldwin was the MOST important reason why the Conservative party dominated British politics in the period from 1922 to 1939.’ How far do you agree with this view?**
- 12 ‘The Second Labour government (1929–1931) was a complete failure.’ Assess this view.**

FOREIGN AND IMPERIAL POLICIES 1945–1990

13 To what extent was the impact of the Second World War the MAIN reason for Britain's decision to decolonise?

14 To what extent did Britain lose its position as a great power in the period after 1945?

15 How successful was the foreign policy of Thatcher?

POST WAR BRITAIN 1951–1994

16 How far were Conservative scandals the MOST important reason for their defeat in the 1964 election?

17 How successful was the Heath government of 1970 to 1974?

18 To what extent were Labour weaknesses the MAIN reason for Conservative electoral victories under Thatcher?

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