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## Wednesday 20 May 2015 – 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:**

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)  
(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 Assess the reasons why Pitt was able to dominate politics from 1783 to 1793. [50]
- 2 'The policies of the Tory governments of 1822–30 do not deserve to be called liberal.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 Assess the reasons for the fall of Peel's ministry in 1846. [50]

### **Liberals and Conservatives 1846–1895**

- 4 How important were the radicals in the emergence of the Liberal party? [50]
- 5 Assess the reasons why Gladstone's first ministry introduced so many domestic reforms. [50]
- 6 'The most important reason for the Conservative defeat in the 1880 election was the limitations of Disraeli's domestic reforms.' How far do you agree? [50]

### **Foreign and Imperial Policies 1856–1914**

- 7 Assess the reasons for British interest in the Balkans in the period from 1856 to 1902. [50]
- 8 'The most important reason for British involvement in Africa from 1868 to 1902 was the protection of trade routes to India.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 9 How important was the naval race in the worsening of relations between Britain and Germany? [50]

### **Domestic Issues 1918–1951**

- 10 Assess the reasons for the fall of Lloyd George's coalition in 1922. [50]
- 11 'Trade Union weakness 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 of 1945 to 1951? [50]

**Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945–1990**

- 13 How far did Britain's attitude to Europe change in the period from 1945 to 1973? [50]
- 14 'Domestic opposition to Britain's possession of nuclear weapons was a serious challenge to British governments.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 15 'Thatcher failed to restore Britain's position as a world power.' How far do you agree? [50]

**Post-War Britain 1951–1994**

- 16 'Rising living standards was the most important reason why the Conservatives remained in power from 1951 to 1964.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 17 'Heath's government of 1970–74 failed to solve the problems it faced.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 How successful were British government policies in dealing with the problems faced in Northern Ireland in the period from 1951 to 1994? [50]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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