



GCE AS/A level

1231/06



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HISTORY – HY1

UNIT 1

PERIOD STUDY 6

Aspects of the History of Europe, c. 1696-1815

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 13 May 2015

1 hour 40 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each part-question.

The time you spend on a question should be in proportion to the marks available.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer two questions.

In your answer to part (a) you are advised to provide a linked and coherent explanation.

In your answer to part (b) you are advised to evaluate the issue named in the question against a range of other important issues.

1. Russia during the reign of Peter the Great, 1696-1725

- (a) **Explain why** Russia became involved in conflict in the Baltic during the reign of Peter the Great. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the policy of westernisation the **most important change** during Peter the Great's reign, 1696-1725? [36]

2. Prussia during the reign of Frederick the Great, 1740-1786

- (a) **Explain why** Silesia was important for Prussia up to 1748. [24]
- (b) To what extent were Frederick the Great's military successes the **most important achievement** of his reign, 1740-1786? [36]

3. The Hapsburg Empire during the reigns of Charles VI and Maria Theresa, 1711-1780

- (a) **Explain why** Charles VI was successful during his reign. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the Diplomatic Revolution the **most important development** in the Hapsburg Empire during the period 1711-1780? [36]

4. International relations, c. 1710-1756

- (a) **Explain why** the Treaty of Utrecht affected relations between the European powers. [24]
- (b) To what extent was the rivalry between Austria and Prussia the **most significant development** in international relations between 1710 and 1756? [36]

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