



Cambridge International AS & A Level

HISTORY

9489/42

Paper 4 Depth Study

May/June 2025

1 hour 45 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.
 - Section A: European option
 - Section B: American option
 - Section C: International option
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **two** questions from **one** section only.

Section A: European history in the interwar years, 1919–41

- 1 Assess the view that by 1941 Mussolini had failed to create a nation of fascists. [30]
- 2 'Stalin's control of the Soviet Union in the years 1928 to 1941 was mainly the result of successful propaganda.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 3 'The success of the Nazi regime's economic policies in the years 1933 to 1939 amounted to a miracle.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 4 'The political dominance of the British Conservative Party in the years 1922 to 1939 was due to its leadership.' Analyse this view. [30]

Section B: The history of the USA, 1944–92

- 5 'Improvements in transport and communications were the greatest achievement of Eisenhower's domestic policy.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 6 'The oil crises were the most important reason for economic deterioration in the 1970s.' Assess this view. [30]
- 7 Evaluate the impact of the Rainbow Coalition on US politics in the years 1984 to 1992. [30]
- 8 Assess the consequences of the Cuban Missile Crisis for relations between the US and USSR. [30]

Section C: International history, 1945–92

- 9** 'The fall of the Berlin Wall resulted in the collapse of communist rule in Eastern Europe and the USSR.' Analyse this view. [30]
- 10** Assess the extent to which discontent with the Kuomintang resulted in the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949. [30]
- 11** 'Mass support for nationalist movements was the main reason African nations gained their independence after 1950.' Discuss this view. [30]
- 12** Evaluate the impact of Yasser Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation up to 1979. [30]

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cambridgeinternational.org after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of Cambridge Assessment. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is a department of the University of Cambridge.