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# History

Assessment Unit AS 2



AH121

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**TUESDAY 23 MAY, AFTERNOON**

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## TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.  
Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.  
You **must answer parts (i) and (ii)** of your chosen questions.  
Indicate clearly on your Answer Booklet which option you have chosen.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.  
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.  
All questions carry equal marks, i.e. 30 marks for each question.

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

You **must answer parts (i) and (ii)** of your chosen questions.

**Option 1 Spain and Europe 1556–1592**

- 1 (i) Explain the causes of the revolt in Aragon. [8]
- (ii) “Philip II’s cultivation of factions was the greatest weakness of his government of Spain in the period 1556–1592.” How far would you agree with this statement? [22]
- 2 (i) Explain the weaknesses of Spanish industry and commerce in the period 1556–1592. [8]
- (ii) “Spain’s constant state of war was the main cause of its economic and financial weakness between 1556 and 1592.” To what extent would you accept this judgement? [22]
- 3 (i) Explain the impact of the Inquisition on religious minorities in Spain in the period 1556–1592. [8]
- (ii) “Philip II’s reform of the Spanish Church between 1556 and 1592 was primarily motivated by political and financial considerations rather than religious motives.” How far would you agree with this statement? [22]
- 4 (i) Explain how the Dutch Revolt affected Spain’s relations with England. [8]
- (ii) “The outbreak of the French Wars of Religion in 1562 represented the most important turning point in Philip II’s foreign policy in the period 1556–1592.” How far would you accept this judgement? [22]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

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### **Option 2 The Ascendancy of France in Europe 1660–1714**

- 1** (i) Explain the results of the Dutch War of 1672–1678. [8]
- (ii) “The Cologne dispute in 1688 was the most important reason for the outbreak of the Nine Years’ War.” How far would you accept this judgement? [22]
- 2** (i) Explain the impact of the Truce of Ratisbon of 1684 on France and its enemies. [8]
- (ii) “Of the countries involved in the Nine Years’ War, only the Dutch could be fully satisfied with the terms of the Peace of Ryswick.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [22]
- 3** (i) Explain the impact of the Battle of Malplaquet. [8]
- (ii) “The Duke of Marlborough’s inspirational leadership was the most important reason for the success of the Grand Alliance in the War of the Spanish Succession.” How far would you accept this verdict? [22]
- 4** (i) Explain the reasons for the success of the Grand Alliance in the Battle of Oudenarde. [8]
- (ii) “Louis XIV had most reason to be satisfied with the terms of the peace treaties at the end of the War of the Spanish Succession.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [22]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

You **must answer parts (i) and (ii)** of your chosen questions.

**Option 3 Challenge and Crisis in Ireland 1821–1867**

- 1 (i) Explain why Daniel O’Connell abandoned attempts to repeal the Union in the 1830s, but revived these attempts in the 1840s. [8]
- (ii) “The Catholic Association was the main reason for the success of Daniel O’Connell’s campaign to achieve Catholic Emancipation.” How far would you accept this statement? [22]
- 2 (i) Explain why Daniel O’Connell was disappointed with the outcome of the Lichfield House Compact. [8]
- (ii) “The actions of Sir Robert Peel and the British Government were the main reason for the failure of Daniel O’Connell’s campaign to repeal the Act of Union.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [22]
- 3 (i) Explain how the Whig Government under Lord John Russell responded to the crisis of the Irish Famine. [8]
- (ii) “Ireland’s overdependence on the potato was the most important reason for the outbreak of the Famine.” To what extent would you accept this judgement? [22]
- 4 (i) Explain the military and political aims of the Fenian movement. [8]
- (ii) “British infiltration of the Fenian movement was the main reason for the failure of the Fenian Rising of 1867.” How far would you agree with this verdict? [22]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

You **must answer parts (i) and (ii)** of your chosen questions.

**Option 4 France 1815–1871**

- 1** (i) Explain why the Bourbons were restored to the throne of France in 1815. [8]
- (ii) To what extent did Louis XVIII achieve the aims of his domestic policy between 1815 and 1824? [22]
- 2** (i) Explain developments in the French economy between 1815 and 1830. [8]
- (ii) “Between 1824 and 1830 Charles X made numerous errors and was entirely responsible for his own downfall.” To what extent do you agree with this verdict on the fall of the Bourbon monarchy in 1830? [22]
- 3** (i) Explain why Louis Philippe became king of France in 1830 in spite of other available options. [8]
- (ii) “It was Louis Philippe’s failure to cope with the economic crisis which was the most important cause of his downfall in 1848.” To what extent would you agree with this assessment? [22]
- 4** (i) Explain the economic and social developments which took place in France between 1848 and 1871. [8]
- (ii) “Napoleon III consistently failed to achieve his objectives in foreign policy between 1852 and 1870.” To what extent would you agree with this view? [22]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

You **must answer parts (i) and (ii)** of your chosen questions.

**Option 5 Russia 1903–1941**

- 1** (i) Explain the reasons which led to the split between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks in 1903. [8]
- (ii) To what extent was the outbreak of the Revolution of 1905 due to Tsar Nicholas II's reaction to the events of Bloody Sunday? [22]
- 2** (i) Explain why Bolshevik economic policy changed from War Communism to the New Economic Policy (NEP) in 1921. [8]
- (ii) How far was the Revolution of February 1917 caused by the actions of Tsar Nicholas II during the First World War? [22]
- 3** (i) Explain how the weaknesses of the Whites helped the Bolsheviks to win the Russian Civil War between 1918 and 1921. [8]
- (ii) To what extent would you agree that the Bolsheviks' success in the Revolution of October 1917 was due to the weaknesses of the Provisional Government? [22]
- 4** (i) Explain the features of Stalin's cult of personality between 1929 and 1941. [8]
- (ii) "Stalin's efforts to improve Soviet industry were far more successful than his attempts to improve Soviet agriculture." How far would you accept this verdict? [22]

Answer **two** questions from your chosen option.

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**Option 6 Italy 1914–1943**

- 1 (i) Explain why Italy entered the First World War in 1915 on the side of the Triple Entente rather than in 1914 in support of the Alliance countries. [8]
- (ii) “The most important effect of the First World War on Italy between 1915 and 1918 was on its economy.” To what extent would you agree with this verdict? [22]
- 2 (i) Explain how Mussolini used the cult of personality as a means of control in Italy in the period 1922–1940. [8]
- (ii) “The most important reason for Mussolini’s rise to power in Italy by 1922 was the impact of the First World War.” How far would you accept this verdict? [22]
- 3 (i) Explain how Mussolini consolidated his political power in Italy between 1922 and 1928. [8]
- (ii) How successful was Mussolini in dealing with Italy’s domestic problems in the period 1922–1943? [22]
- 4 (i) Explain the reasons for Italy’s failure in the Second World War between 1940 and 1943. [8]
- (ii) “Mussolini’s foreign policy was successful in the 1920s but a failure in the 1930s.” How far would you accept this verdict? [22]

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