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Assessment Unit A2 1



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TUESDAY 6 JUNE, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **one** question from your chosen option.
Indicate clearly on your Answer Booklet which option you have chosen.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.
Candidates are reminded that their answers should demonstrate their understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented in different ways.
All questions carry equal marks, i.e. 50 marks for each question.

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 1 ANGLO-SPANISH RELATIONS 1509–1609

Either

- 1** “Economic considerations had the greatest impact on Anglo-Spanish relations in the period 1509–1609.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [50]

Or

- 2** “The divorce of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon was the most important turning point in Anglo-Spanish relations in the period 1509–1609.” How far would you agree with this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 2 CROWN AND PARLIAMENT IN ENGLAND 1603–1702

Either

- 1** “The execution of Charles I in 1649 marked the most important turning point in the relationship between Crown and Parliament in the period 1603–1702.” To what extent would you accept this statement? [50]

Or

- 2** “The most significant changes to the power and position of Parliament in the period 1603–1702 came about as a result of clashes with the Crown over finance.” How far would you agree with this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 3 LIBERALISM AND NATIONALISM IN EUROPE 1815–1914

Either

- 1** “Both in political and economic terms liberalism in Europe achieved only limited success in the period 1815–1914.” To what extent would you agree with this statement? [50]

Or

- 2** “The unification of Italy was the greatest triumph of nationalism in Europe between 1815 and 1914.” How far would you agree with this verdict? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 4 UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM IN IRELAND 1800–1900

Either

- 1** “Irish nationalism only succeeded when it had the backing of the Catholic Church.” How far would you accept this assessment of constitutional and revolutionary nationalism in Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

Or

- 2** “The supporters of the Union in the north and south of Ireland were motivated mainly by their fears over the Empire and shared the belief that violent methods would be necessary to protect the Union.” How far would you accept this verdict on the motives and methods of unionists in the north and south of Ireland in the period 1800–1900? [50]

Answer **one** question from your chosen option.

Option 5 CLASH OF IDEOLOGIES IN EUROPE 1900–2000

Either

- 1** “Soviet foreign policy in Europe between 1917 and 1991 was motivated primarily by economic concerns.” To what extent would you agree with this assessment? [50]

Or

- 2** “Throughout the period 1917–1991 the opponents of communism remained consistently hostile to the Soviet Union, regardless of nationality or ideology.” To what extent would you accept this verdict? [50]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER
