

**HISTORY**

**9389/41**

Paper 4 Depth Study

**May/June 2015**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

This paper contains **three** sections:

Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941

Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990

Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The marks are given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.

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**Depth Study 1: Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941**

Answer any **two** questions.

- 1 Discuss the view that Trotsky was more important than Lenin to Bolshevik victory in the Civil War in Russia. [30]
- 2 ‘The appeal of fascism was the main reason for Mussolini becoming Prime Minister in 1922.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 3 ‘Totalitarian rule was a means to an end for Stalin, and not an end in itself.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 4 ‘Weimar politicians must bear the greatest responsibility for Hitler becoming Chancellor in 1933.’ Discuss this view. [30]

**Depth Study 2: The History of the USA, 1945–1990**

Answer any **two** questions.

- 5 Assess the reasons why the 1950s were a period of economic growth. [30]
- 6 ‘By the late 1970s the American people were less united than they had been in the late 1960s.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 7 How successful was Reaganomics? [30]
- 8 How far was President Truman personally responsible for the USA’s hard-line policy towards the USSR in the period 1945–50? [30]

**Depth Study 3: International History, 1945–1991**

Answer any **two** questions.

- 9** To what extent did relations between the USA and the USSR improve in the period from 1953 to 1961? [30]
- 10** ‘Détente did little to stabilise international relations during the 1970s.’ How far do you agree? [30]
- 11** How successful was Mao Zedong in dealing with China’s domestic problems? [30]
- 12** ‘In the Gulf War (1990–91), the USA acted entirely out of self-interest.’ How far do you agree? [30]

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