

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION  
HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD)**

Paper 1 (Core Content with Russia, 1905–1941)

**TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008**

**1937/12**

Afternoon  
Time: 2 hours

**Additional materials (enclosed):** None

**Additional materials (required):**  
Answer booklet (8 pages)



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number on the answer booklet.
- This paper consists of three sections.  
In **Section A**, answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.  
In **Section B**, answer any **one** question.  
In **Section C**, answer **Question 7** and **one** other question.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what to do before you start each answer.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet.
- Write the numbers of the questions you have answered in the box on the front of the answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **75**.
- You will be awarded marks for quality of written communication in part (c) of the following questions: Section B, Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6; Section C, Questions 8 and 9.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

## Section A

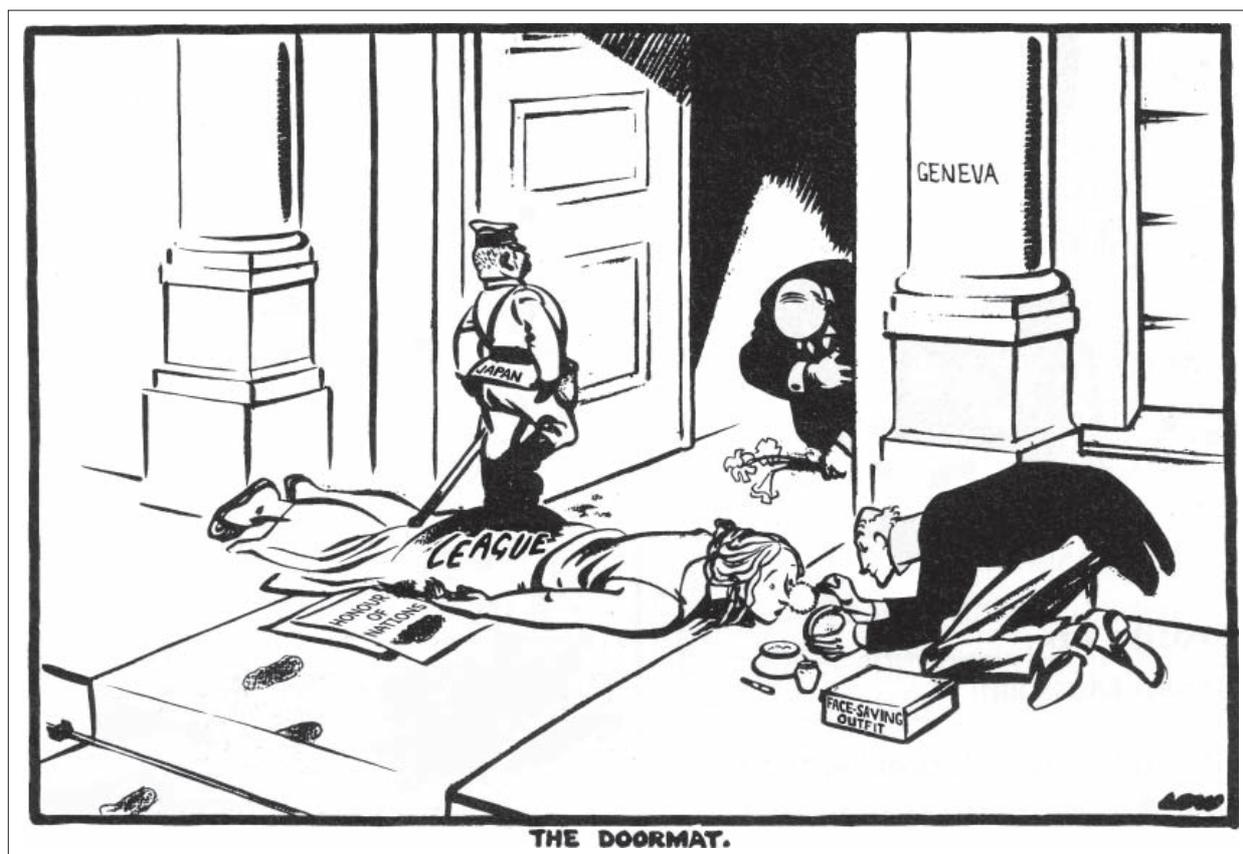
Some of the questions require you to use a source. In these questions, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret the source.

You should spend about 15 minutes on this section.

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

- 1 Study the source carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

## SOURCE A



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*A British cartoon about the League of Nations published in 1933. The person kneeling on the right represents a British government official.*

- 1 (a) Study Source A.

What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [6]

- (b) Explain why the League of Nations failed to deal successfully with the Abyssinian crisis of 1935–36. [9]

2 Study the source carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

**SOURCE B**



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*A British cartoon, published in July 1948, commenting on the Berlin Blockade.*

2 (a) Study Source B.

What is the message of this cartoon? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer. [6]

(b) Explain why Marshall Aid was offered to countries in Europe. [9]

**Section B**

You should spend about 35 minutes on this section.

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**You must answer ALL parts of the question you choose.**

- 3** (a) What were Lloyd George's aims at Versailles? [4]
- (b) Explain why Clemenceau wanted the Treaty of Versailles to punish Germany severely. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why Germany was dissatisfied with the Treaty:
- (i) the reduction in armed forces;
  - (ii) the loss of territory;
  - (iii) the imposing of war guilt and reparations.

How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer referring only to **(i)**, **(ii)** and **(iii)**. [10]

- 4** (a) What were the aims of Hitler's foreign policy? [4]
- (b) Explain how Hitler destroyed the Treaty of Versailles in the years up to 1938. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons for the outbreak of the Second World War:
- (i) the policy of appeasement;
  - (ii) the Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939;
  - (iii) the invasion of Poland.

How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer referring only to **(i)**, **(ii)** and **(iii)**. [10]

- 5 (a) Who were the Vietcong? [4]
- (b) Explain why America was involved in Vietnam. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons for the American withdrawal from Vietnam:
- (i) the financial cost of the war;
  - (ii) the military tactics of the Vietcong;
  - (iii) the failure of US military tactics.

How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]

- 6 (a) Describe the reaction of the Soviet Union to the uprising in Hungary in 1956. [4]
- (b) Explain why the Berlin Wall was built in 1961. [6]
- (c) The following were all **equally important** reasons why Soviet control of Eastern Europe had collapsed by 1989:
- (i) the impact of 'Solidarity';
  - (ii) the growth of opposition in Eastern Europe;
  - (iii) the policies of Gorbachev.

How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer referring only to (i), (ii) and (iii). [10]

**Section C: Depth Study****Russia, 1905–1941**

Some of the questions require you to use sources. In these questions, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret and evaluate the sources. When you are asked to use specific sources you must do so, but you may also use any of the other sources within the question if they are relevant.

You should spend about 70 minutes on this section.

**Answer Question 7 and ONE other question.**

- 7 Study the sources carefully and then answer the questions which follow.

**SOURCE C**

Trotsky was on a train travelling south to recover from illness. He claimed that he received a telegram from Stalin telling him of Lenin's death and that the funeral would be held on the 26 January and that since he would be unable to return in time, he should continue travelling south.

*An extract from a book about Trotsky.*

**SOURCE D**

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*An American cartoon published at the time of the show trials.*

## SOURCE E



*A cartoon published by Russian exiles in France in the late 1930s.  
The text reads, 'Visit the USSR's pyramids'.*

7 (a) Study Source C.

How far does this source explain how Stalin became leader of the Communist party in 1924?  
Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. [7]

(b) Study Source D.

What is the message of this cartoon? Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. [6]

(c) Study Source E.

Why was this cartoon published in the late 1930s? Use the source and your knowledge to explain your answer. [7]

Choose ONE of the following two questions.

You must answer ALL parts of the question you choose.

- 8 (a) Describe the main features of Tsarist rule at the beginning of the twentieth century. [4]
- (b) Explain why the 1905 revolution was unsuccessful. [6]
- (c) How far was the First World War responsible for the collapse of Tsarist rule? Explain your answer. [10]
- 9 (a) Describe the main features of Stalin's first Five Year Plan. [4]
- (b) Explain why collectivisation was introduced. [6]
- (c) How successful were Stalin's economic policies? Explain your answer. [10]

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Source D Source: cartoon from *Modern World History*, by N Kelly & G Lacey, p.202, published by Heinemann Educational Publishers, 2001.

Source E Source: cartoon from *Modern World History*, by B Walsh, p.134, published by John Murray, 1996.

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