



**HISTORY
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PAPER 3 – EUROPE (INCLUDING RUSSIA/USSR)**

Tuesday 11 November 2008 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.

1. Why, and with what consequences for France, was Louis XVI executed?
2. To what extent can it be said that Napoleon I was “the child of the French Revolution”?
3. “Of the four congresses held between 1818 and 1822 the Congress of Troppau was the most significant for the Congress System.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Assess the influence of Benjamin Disraeli on British politics in the nineteenth century.
5. Evaluate the importance of Cavour’s contribution to the unification of Italy.
6. Why had Prussia, rather than Austria, emerged as the dominant German power by 1871?
7. “Bismarck’s domestic policies in Germany between 1871 and 1890 were, in reality, a failure.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Assess the importance of the Crimean War (1854–1856) for Europe in the second half of the nineteenth century.
9. To what extent did changes in agriculture affect the economic development of **one** European country in the nineteenth century?
10. Compare and contrast the impact of Marxism on **two** European countries in the second half of the nineteenth century.
11. Assess the effect of political changes in **either** Spain **or** France between 1848 and 1914.
12. Analyse the impact of war in **either** the nineteenth **or** twentieth century on **one** of the following countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden.
13. Assess the successes and failures of Nicholas II between 1894 and 1917.
14. “The Bolshevik state under Lenin between 1918 and 1924 was a ruthless dictatorship, caring little for the Russian people.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

15. Why did the Central Powers lose the First World War?
 16. Compare and contrast the political and economic impact of the First World War on **two** European powers.
 17. Compare and contrast the social and economic policies of Hitler and Mussolini.
 18. Analyse the effects of the Wall Street Crash and the Great Depression on **two** European countries (excluding Germany and Italy).
 19. To what extent do you agree that Stalin’s foreign policy between 1928 and 1953 was inconsistent and unfocused?
 20. Assess the impact of Franco on Spain between 1936 and 1975.
 21. To what extent was the Second World War caused by Hitler’s policies?
 22. “The Marshall Plan promised much but achieved little for Western Europe.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 23. To what extent did the states of central and eastern Europe benefit from Soviet control after 1945?
 24. Assess the effects of Gorbachev’s policies of perestroika and glasnost on the Soviet Union and Europe up to 1995.
 25. Analyse the importance of leisure and sport on European society after the Second World War.
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