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## History

**Level 1/2**

**PAPER 2: Investigation Studies**

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## Historical Investigation

Answer **ONE** question.

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

### A1 The origins and course of the First World War, 1905–18

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** Anglo-German naval rivalry **OR** the battle of Passchendaele.

(6)

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows.

**Source A:** From a report by the commander of Allied forces at Gallipoli in May 1915. Here he is describing the first landings of troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

The coast is mostly steep and there are not many good landing places. Most of these landing places had been heavily fortified by the Turks with trenches and barbed wire. The enemy's machine-guns were well placed.

Throughout the afternoon and night, the Turks made assault after assault on our men. Our counter-attacks always beat them back but new Turkish troops took the place of those we drove back. By the morning, we had suffered heavy losses.

**Source B:** From a report made from Gallipoli by a British general in May 1915.

Since landing, we have not had a moment's rest. Day and night we have been attacked.

The whole of the slope on which we are living is covered thickly with bushes, about four feet high. The Turks are all around, hidden in this stuff. At first, we wasted a huge amount of ammunition firing at them because our soldiers are mostly young and inexperienced. Now they are commanded to hold fire until they can actually see their attackers.

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the difficulties faced by the Allied army at Gallipoli in 1915?

Explain your answer.

(8)

(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows.

**Extract C:** From *Conflict and Tension: First World War 1894–1918*, published in 2018.

The Gallipoli campaign failed because of the strengths of the Turkish defenders. Turkey had received information before the Allied landings and knew that an attack was coming. 84 000 Turkish soldiers were quickly moved to Gallipoli to prepare for an invasion. Also, conditions for Allied soldiers were terrible. In the heat of a Turkish summer, water was scarce and often polluted. As a result, eighty per cent of ANZAC troops at Gallipoli suffered serious illness. The Allied generals were heavily criticised for their poor leadership.

Extract C suggests that the Gallipoli campaign failed because of the strengths of the Turks.

How far do you agree with this interpretation?

Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

(16)

**(Total for Question A1 = 30 marks)**

## A2 Russia and the Soviet Union, 1905–24

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** Stolypin's policy of repression **OR** the closure of the Constituent Assembly.

(6)

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows.

**Source A:** From a book written by a British woman living in Russia during the First World War. Here she is describing the situation in Petrograd in the summer of 1916.

The complaints of the Russian people came from all sides. They were exhausted by the war and angered by the mistakes of their leaders. Food was growing more scarce. The queues outside bread shops stretched down the streets.

Rasputin's power seemed to increase every day. Many believed that simply repeating his name brought bad luck. Some said that Tsarina Alexandra was a traitor who was plotting with Germany and negotiating a secret peace treaty. The Tsar was no longer viewed with respect.

**Source B:** From a report written by the secret police for the Russian government in October 1916. Here the report is describing the conditions in Petrograd.

The people are increasingly unsettled. There is now greater opposition to the government than was present during 1905–06. Despite an increase in wages, the condition of the people is worse than terrible. Many food products and other necessities are impossible to find. The workers are being pushed towards very serious unrest. They are angered by the time wasted standing in queues and by the increase in disease caused by hunger and dirty living conditions.

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the situation in Russia in 1916?

Explain your answer.

(8)

(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows.

**Extract C:** From an online article on Nicholas II, published in 2014.

The main cause of Nicholas II's abdication was his own mistakes. In 1915, he made the disastrous decision to take direct command of the Russian army. From then on, every military failure was blamed on him. With Nicholas away at the front, his German-born wife Alexandra took a more active role in government. She soon became a reason for discontent. In February 1917, widespread demonstrations began in Petrograd. Nicholas lost the support of the army and was forced to abdicate.

Extract C suggests that the main cause of Nicholas II's abdication was his own mistakes.

How far do you agree with this interpretation?

Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

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**(Total for Question A2 = 30 marks)**

### A3 The USA, 1918–41

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** advertising in the USA in the 1920s **OR** Hoover's reaction to the Great Depression.

(6)

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows.

**Source A:** From an account by a journalist in 1921. Here he is describing the day when the Ku Klux Klan came to his town.

A Ku Klux Klan recruiter was in town the other day, trying to add to his organisation's growing numbers. But we told him that this town has no interest in his Anti-foreigners, Anti-Catholics, Anti-Blacks message. There is good and bad in all groups in society, but to criticise people because of their birthplace, religion, or race is shamefully un-American and cowardly. The Klan's views are based upon extreme foolishness.

**Source B:** From an article by the leader of the Ku Klux Klan, written in 1926.

We have won support for the idea that America is first and chiefly for the children of the early settlers who made this country. We want to restrict immigration and stop the Catholics trying to take over the Democratic Party. It is true that some members have left the Klan, but we have educated millions of our other members about the need to stop lawlessness and increase good government. Also, there are many millions who have never joined our organisation but agree with our views.

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the beliefs of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s?

Explain your answer.

(8)

(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows.

**Extract C:** From a modern world history book, published in 1999.

Klan leaders said they believed in the preservation of true American values. Their views had a great deal of support. The Klan was very popular with white Americans who felt threatened or left behind by the changes of the 1920s. By 1925, it had 5 million members, including people in important positions in society. The amount of racist violence the Klan used actually declined during the 1920s. But many Americans regarded Klan members simply as violent racists who posed a threat to good government.

Extract C suggests that the Ku Klux Klan had great support in the 1920s.

How far do you agree with this interpretation?

Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

(16)

**(Total for Question A3 = 30 marks)**

#### A4 The Vietnam Conflict, 1945–75

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** the Geneva Conference (1954) **OR** university protests in the USA against the Vietnam War.

(6)

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows.

**Source A:** From a report by a British war correspondent in North Vietnam in December 1965. Here he is describing the effects of Operation Rolling Thunder.

The Ham Rong bridge, a vital link between regions of North Vietnam, has been attacked more than 100 times and by at least 1000 US aircraft. It is scarred and twisted, and the area around it is a terrible mess, but the bridge is still open. It lies between two steep hills and must be difficult to hit accurately. For the bridge to be destroyed completely, US planes would need to fly through very dangerous conditions.

**Source B:** From an official report to the US government on Operation Rolling Thunder in 1966.

Massive US bombing attacks have caused great damage to buildings and communications in North Vietnam. Also, agriculture has been disrupted and there is some evidence of food shortages in the cities.

However, the bombing has not greatly disrupted the economy, nor has it had much impact on the morale of the people. But it has probably caused enough civilian casualties to help the North Vietnamese government maintain anti-American feeling.

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about Operation Rolling Thunder?

Explain your answer.

(8)

(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows.

**Extract C:** From *The Vietnam War*, published in 2017.

During Operation Rolling Thunder, 128 000 tonnes of bombs were dropped on North Vietnam in 1966 alone. Half of the citizens of Hanoi fled into the countryside. Millions had to work night and day to fix the damage that American bombs did to the transportation system.

However, the bombing did little to help the USA win the war. Not much of the damage proved permanent. Factories were simply rebuilt elsewhere. One 14-year-old girl from Hanoi, whose home and school were destroyed, recalled: 'I wasn't scared by the bombs. I was just angry.'

Extract C suggests that Operation Rolling Thunder did little to help the USA win the war.

How far do you agree with this interpretation?

Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

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**(Total for Question A4 = 30 marks)**

**A5 East Germany, 1958–90**

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** propaganda and censorship in the GDR **OR** state visits (1969–87).

(6)

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows.

**Source A:** From the memories of an East German citizen written in 2014.

Sport in the GDR was very, very important. At school, sports lessons were two hours long, three times a week. There were also sports clubs outside school, run by volunteers. Great emphasis was put on competitions and there was a continual search for talent. As a result, the GDR had top athletes competing in all sports for European and World Championships and the Olympic Games. This created a spirit of unity and pride in the country.

**Source B:** From a speech by Walter Ulbricht to GDR athletes returning from the Olympic Games in 1968.

Dear friends and comrades! In the name of the SED Central Committee and the people of the GDR, I wish to congratulate you heartily on your success at the Olympic Games. You have greatly pleased all our citizens and set an outstanding example for the youth of our Republic! You have strengthened the reputation of the GDR all over the world! I wish all of you good health, and new successes for the glory of the GDR!

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the importance of sport in the GDR?

Explain your answer.

(8)

(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows.

**Extract C:** From *Communist States in the Twentieth Century*, published in 2015.

Sport was important in the GDR because it improved the health of the population and, as a result, the performance of the economy. It also developed togetherness and pride in the state. However, sport was encouraged in East Germany mainly to improve the reputation of the GDR abroad. Sporting success was supposed to demonstrate the superiority of communism over western nations. It helped gain East Germany international recognition. By the 1972 Olympics, the GDR had its own team, flag and national anthem. At the 1976 Olympics, the GDR was second in the medal table.

Extract C suggests that sport was encouraged in East Germany mainly to improve the reputation of the GDR abroad.

How far do you agree with this interpretation?

Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

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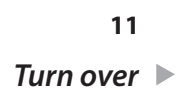


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