

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART I OF THE HISTORICAL TRIPOS**

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Paper 18

EUROPEAN HISTORY, SINCE 1890

*Answer **three** questions, **at least one** from each section.**Write your **number** (not your **name**) on the cover-sheet of each answer booklet.***STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS***20 Page Answer Book x 1**Rough Work Pad*

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you  
may do so by the Invigilator**

**SECTION A**

- 1** Discuss the political divisions to which France and Germany were subject in the two decades before 1914.
- 2** Does any one state bear responsibility for the outbreak of war in 1914?
- 3** How important were Socialist ideas in triggering revolutions in Europe between 1917 and 1921?
- 4** Why did Europe witness a surge in politically-motivated violence between 1917 and 1945?
- 5** How international was the Spanish Civil War?
- 6** How important was the opening of a second front in ending World War II?
- 7** Why did the wartime allies find it impossible to agree on a peace settlement for post-war Europe?
- 8** 'Ideology ceased to be a dominant force in West European politics after 1945.' Discuss.
- 9** To what extent were democratic forms of government in Western Europe created anew after 1945?
- 10** 'The German Question defined Europe's international politics in the twentieth century.' Discuss with reference to **either** 1890-1945 **or** 1945-1992.
- 11** Were the changes associated with de-Stalinization merely cosmetic? Answer with reference to any **one or more** states.
- 12** 'Compromise was the key to Southern Europe's transition to democracy.' Discuss with reference to any **two or more** countries.
- 13** Was the collapse of the Eastern bloc caused by the foreign policies of Western governments?
- 14** Why did a wave of ethnic cleansing sweep Southeastern Europe in the late twentieth century?

**SECTION B**

- 15** 'The Versailles peace settlement was the economic undoing of the Weimar Republic.' Discuss.
- 16** To what extent was modernist culture a 'European' phenomenon?
- 17** Is the Gold Standard solely to blame for the depth and duration of the Great Depression in Europe?
- 18** Were the societies of Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union fundamentally similar during the 1930s?
- 19** 'The twentieth century saw the forces of integration triumph over those of disintegration in the European economy.' Discuss.
- 20** Is 'total war' an accurate term to describe both World Wars?
- 21** How far can economic growth in Europe between 1945 and 1973 be attributed to a catch-up effect?
- 22** To what extent did the end of empire reshape European societies?
- 23** What did the social protests of the 1960s have in common?
- 24** Account for the changes in gender relations in the twentieth century.
- 25** Why did so many European nations choose to join the Euro?

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