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**Paper 1: History**

**Sample Paper**

**2 hours**

It is necessary to respond on the answer sheets provided alongside this question paper. Additionally, you can use a dark blue or black pen.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- You must write your name, candidate number, centre name and centre number on the answer sheets in the designated spaces.
- The paper consists of eight questions in Section A (Analysis of Documents) and two questions in Section B (Structured Responses) and it is essential that you attempt all of them.
- Attempt all the questions using a dark blue or black pen.
- It is important to follow the instructions provided on the answer sheets.
- Do not use correction fluid.
- Avoid writing on any bar codes.

**INFORMATION:**

- This paper has a total of 45 marks.
- The number of marks assigned for every question or its parts is indicated within brackets [ ].
- Rough work must be completed on this question paper.

**Section A**  
**Analysis of Documents**

**Total Marks: 25**

**Instructions:**

- Study the four sources carefully and answer **all** questions.
- Ensure your answers focus on analyzing the content, origin, purpose, and reliability of the sources.

**Source A**

*An excerpt from the Treaty of Versailles (1919):*

"The Allied and Associated Governments affirm and Germany accepts the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage to which the Allied and Associated Governments and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war imposed upon them by the aggression of Germany and her allies."

**Questions:**

1. What is the main purpose of this section of the Treaty of Versailles? (2 marks)
2. Explain how this article contributed to criticism of the Treaty of Versailles. (4 marks)

**Source B**



*A 1935 cartoon from a British newspaper depicting the League of Nations as an empty building with broken windows, labeled "The House of Peace," and several figures (labeled "World Powers") walking away from it.*

**Questions:**

3. What message does the cartoon convey about the League of Nations? (3 marks)
4. How reliable is this cartoon as evidence of the effectiveness of the League of Nations? (4 marks)

### Source C

*A speech by Adolf Hitler, 1938:*

"The German Reich does not intend to violate the borders of any other country. Our actions are aimed at bringing together German-speaking people, separated unjustly by the Treaty of Versailles."

#### Questions:

5. How does this source justify Hitler's foreign policy aims? (3 marks)
6. To what extent is this source reliable in explaining Hitler's intentions? (4 marks)

### Source D

*An excerpt from a speech by Winston Churchill in 1946, describing the Cold War:*

"From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe... under Soviet control."

#### Questions:

7. What does Churchill mean by the phrase "iron curtain"? (3 marks)
8. What does the excerpt suggest about Soviet influence in Europe after World War II? (2 marks)

**Section B**  
**Structured Responses**

**Total marks: 20 marks**

**Instructions:**

- Answer **only two** of the following four questions.

**Question 1: The Treaty of Versailles**

(a) Describe the main terms of the Treaty of Versailles imposed on Germany in 1919. *(4 marks)*

(b) "The Treaty of Versailles was fair to Germany." How far do you agree with this statement?

Explain your answer. *(6 marks)*

**Question 2: The League of Nations**

(a) Outline the role of the League of Nations in resolving international disputes during the 1920s. *(4 marks)*

(b) How far was the League of Nations successful in achieving its aims? Explain your answer.

*(6 marks)*

**Question 3: Hitler's Foreign Policy and the Outbreak of War**

(a) Describe Hitler's actions in foreign policy between 1933 and 1939. *(4 marks)*

(b) "Hitler's foreign policy was the main reason for the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939." How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

*(6 marks)*

**Question 4: The Cold War and Containment**

(a) Explain the methods used by the United States to contain the spread of communism in the years 1947–1962. *(4 marks)*

(b) "The United States' policy of containment was highly effective in preventing the spread of communism." How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

*(6 marks)*

**End of Paper**