



**Year 10 End of Year Examination  
HISTORY – Question Paper**

**2023**

Name: .....

Teacher: .....

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Total number of pages in the examination: 4 pages

Read the full instructions for this examination on the inside cover.

**Answer Question 1 and Question 2.**

**You should spend about 45 minutes on each question.**

**Question 1**

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

- (a) Describe **TWO** features of **EITHER** the Schlieffen Plan **OR** the sinking of the Lusitania.

**(6)**

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

**Source A:** From the memoirs of Field Marshal Hindenburg, the head of the German Army. Here he is describing the battle of Amiens on 8 August 1918. The battle of Amiens was the start of the Allied drive to victory.

The first reports I received were serious. They confirmed that the British had broken our lines and penetrated our positions to a surprising depth. Their large squadrons of tanks had met with little resistance from our men. Wild rumours were beginning to spread in our ranks, many of them about problems at home in Germany. Sick of the hardships of war, some men abandoned their positions. All of this had a demoralising effect. My order to counter-attack could not be carried out.

**Source B:** From a report on the results of the battle of Amiens, published in a British newspaper on 10 August 1918.

It is a great victory. The German Army has suffered a humiliating defeat and much of its organisation has been destroyed. I do not think that this war has seen before such an extraordinary collapse or such panic among trained soldiers. It is doubtful that the German generals have any kind of control over their own confused men. Despite attempts to rally them, no counter-attack has been attempted.

How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the British offensive at Amiens in August 1918?

Explain your answer.

**(8)**

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

**Extract C:** From *The Ending of World War One*, a magazine article published in 2011.

Germany signed the Armistice in November 1918 mainly because it had been defeated on the battlefield. When the British attacked in August, it was clear that the German army could no longer win the war. In the following months, the Allied armies made unstoppable progress towards the German border. However, there was already widespread unhappiness within Germany with the Kaiser and the government. This disorder spread and by September, Germany's leaders faced the awful possibility of both military defeat and major unrest at home. By October, Germany was falling apart.

Extract C suggests that Germany signed the Armistice in November 1918 mainly because it had been defeated on the battlefield.

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 1 = 30 marks)**

**Turn over for Question 2**

**Question 2**  
**A divided union: civil rights in the USA, 1945–74**  
**Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918–45**

Study Extract G.

**Extract G:** From *American History 1860-1990*, published in 2002.

In the years 1964–68, there were around 300 race riots in the black city ghettos of the North, Midwest and West. For example, after Martin Luther King's assassination by a white racist, there were major riots in 100 cities, with 46 dead, 3,000 injured and 27,000 arrested. It needed 21,000 federal troops and 34,000 National Guardsmen to restore order. Property worth a total of \$145 million was damaged. Black ghettos in some cities had effectively become no-go areas for whites. The numbers involved and the damage done scared white Americans and frightened them away from supporting the civil rights movement.

(a) What impression does the author give about the impact of the race riots?

You **must** use Extract G to explain your answer. (6)

(b) Explain **two** effects of the Montgomery Bus Boycott on civil rights in the 1950s. (8)

**Answer EITHER (c)(i) OR (c)(ii)**

**EITHER**

(c) (i) 'Hyperinflation was the main reason why the Weimar Republic was weak in the years 1919–23.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- hyperinflation
- the Weimar Constitution.

You **must** also use information of your own.

(16)

**OR**

(c) (ii) 'The main impact of the Great Depression on Germany, in the years 1929–33, was economic problems.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- economic problems
- support for the Communist Party.

You **must** also use information of your own.

(16)

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**