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**PAPER 2: Investigation Studies**

**Questions, Sources and  
Extracts Booklet**

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## **HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION**

**Answer ONE question.**

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

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

- (a) Describe TWO features of EITHER the system of alliances and ententes before 1914 OR the Allied drive to victory (July–November 1918). (6 marks)**

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**A1 continued.**

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows on page 5.  
(8 marks)**

**SOURCE A: From a letter sent by a senior official at the German Foreign Ministry, 1 July 1911.**

**At twelve o'clock today, we will announce the arrival of the gunboat, Panther, at the port of Agadir in Morocco. To justify this, we have already encouraged German businessmen in Morocco to send us complaints about their treatment.**

**We have chosen Agadir because it leads to the valley of the river Sus, the richest mining and agricultural area in southern Morocco. We plan to take and keep this district to settle.**

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**A1 continued.**

**SOURCE B: From a letter written by a senior official at the British Foreign Office, 5 July 1911.**

**The German plan in Morocco was carefully thought out. As usual with the Germans, it was launched suddenly. The Germans have since claimed that sending a warship to Agadir was to protect their businessmen until Morocco was calm again. However, I believe that after the visit of the Kaiser to Britain in 1907, he was convinced that the British attitude towards Germany had improved. He now believes that Germany can succeed in splitting Britain from France.**

**How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about Germany's actions at the start of the Second Moroccan Crisis (1911)?**

**Explain your answer.  
(8 marks)**

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**A1 continued.**

**(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows on page 7.**

**EXTRACT C: From an online article on the Second Moroccan Crisis (1911), published in 2012.**

**Germany intervened in Morocco in 1911 mainly for economic reasons. The Algeciras Conference in 1906 had never really sorted out the problems of Morocco. From 1908, the German government decided to demand a better share of the economic riches that they believed Morocco offered. For example, German companies wanted valuable mining rights in southern Morocco. However, there were those in the British government who believed that Germany's real aim was to achieve European domination by creating divisions between the great powers. Many Frenchmen were also alarmed that this was Germany's real intention.**

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**A1 continued.**

**Extract C suggests that Germany's intervention in Morocco in 1911 was mainly for economic reasons.**

**How far do you agree with this interpretation?**

**Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.  
(16 marks)**

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

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

- (a) Describe TWO features of EITHER  
Nicholas II's attitude to the first four  
dumas OR opposition to the NEP.  
(6 marks)**

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**A2 continued.**

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows on page 10.  
(8 marks)**

**SOURCE A: From Order Number One of the Petrograd Soviet, issued on 1 March 1917.**

**To the soldiers of the army and navy:**

**This order is to be obeyed immediately and strictly. It is also issued to the workers of Petrograd for their information.**

**All military units are to elect men from the lower ranks to be their representatives at the Soviet. The military orders of the Provisional Government will be carried out only where they do not conflict with the orders of the Soviet.**

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**A2 continued.**

**SOURCE B: From the April Theses, issued by Lenin when he returned to Russia on 3 April 1917.**

**The Provisional Government is still a businessmen's government, and the war continues to be fought for greedy and aggressive purposes. The people should only support Russia's continuation in the war if power passes to the workers and peasants.**

**We must completely oppose the Provisional Government. Its false promises should be made clear. We must demand that all the Government's powers be transferred to the Soviets of Worker's Deputies.**

**How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the problems facing the Provisional Government?**

**Explain your answer.  
(8 marks)**

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**A2 continued.**

**(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows on page 12.**

**EXTRACT C: From an online article on the Provisional Government, published in 2020.**

**The continuing economic crisis weakened the Provisional Government and strengthened the appeal of its opponents. The price of goods continued to rise. Food and fuel shortages made living conditions unbearable, especially during the winter.**

**However, the biggest problem facing the Provisional Government was that it lacked authority. It was only meant to be a temporary body that would govern in place of the Tsar until elections could be held. Unlike the Petrograd Soviet, it was not elected. Many Russians saw it as made up of upper-class dictators, such as the Prime Minister, Prince Lvov.**

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**A2 continued.**

**Extract C suggests that the biggest problem facing the Provisional Government was that it lacked authority.**

**How far do you agree with this interpretation?**

**Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.  
(16 marks)**

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

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## **A3 The USA, 1918–41**

**(a) Describe TWO features of EITHER flappers in the 1920s OR the opposition of the Supreme Court to the New Deal.**

**(6 marks)**

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**A3 continued.**

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows on page 15.  
(8 marks)**

**SOURCE A: From a report in an American newspaper in 1927 about the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti.**

**Sacco and Vanzetti had a thoroughly fair trial. The defence lawyers congratulated the prosecution lawyers for the fair way they had conducted the trial. It is said that Sacco and Vanzetti were tried as ‘Reds’, but this is not true. It was the defence lawyers who said that the men were communists to explain why they went into hiding after the shooting. The trial was about murder and robbery and had nothing to do with ‘Redness’.**

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**A3 continued.**

**SOURCE B: From a book about Sacco and Vanzetti, published shortly after they were executed.**

**Sacco and Vanzetti combined many things that frightened Americans. They were low-class foreigners, labour agitators, and admitted to being the `reddest of Reds`.**

**It is wrong to suggest that the authorities didn't care that Sacco and Vanzetti might be innocent. It is not true that the authorities fixed the trial to find them guilty of a crime carrying the death penalty. This was totally unnecessary. Sacco and Vanzetti stood no chance, in any courtroom, of being found not guilty.**

**How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about Sacco and Vanzetti?**

**Explain your answer.  
(8 marks)**

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**A3 continued.**

**(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows on page 17.**

**EXTRACT C: From an account of the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti, published in 2020.**

**The trial caused great controversy. Some people said Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted simply because they were foreigners. There were accusations of evidence being tampered with and doubtful evidence from prosecution witnesses. There were complaints about the bias shown against defence witnesses because the witnesses were foreigners.**

**Sacco and Vanzetti received massive support and there were protests when they were convicted. Their case showed that there were growing tensions in American society about immigration and the growth of Communism in the 1920s.**

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**A3 continued.**

**Extract C suggests that Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted because they were foreigners.**

**How far do you agree with this interpretation?**

**Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.  
(16 marks)**

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

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## **A4 The Vietnam Conflict, 1945–75**

- (a) Describe TWO features of EITHER  
life in South Vietnam under Ngo Dinh  
Diem OR Hearts and Minds.  
(6 marks)**

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**A4 continued.**

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows on page 20.  
(8 marks)**

**SOURCE A: From a report in an Australian newspaper in February 1968. Here it is describing the Tet Offensive.**

**In a series of hard-fought battles, US troops today began to regain control after the enemy's massive offensive. President Johnson has claimed that the Vietcong\* has failed to achieve its objectives. A third of its guerrillas are reported to have been killed. However, one American official has said that communist forces still had the power to launch further attacks. He said the US Army may have to relocate its forces to protect the cities and towns of South Vietnam.**

**\*Vietcong – the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam**

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**A4 continued.**

**SOURCE B: From the memoirs of a member of the Vietcong. Here he is describing his experiences of the Tet Offensive.**

**Tet was a great defeat for the Vietcong. Our army was almost destroyed and needed years to be rebuilt afterwards. Due to our great losses, we had to retreat into Cambodia where we lived in miserable conditions in the jungle. For three months, we were cold and wet and had no rice. But at least in Cambodia we were safe and could rest because US commanders had strict orders not to cross the border.**

**How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about the results of the Tet Offensive?**

**Explain your answer.  
(8 marks)**

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**A4 continued.**

**(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows on page 22.**

**EXTRACT C: From Twentieth Century Depth Studies, published in 2014.**

**The Tet Offensive was certainly a defeat for the communists. North Vietnam now finally agreed to take part in peace talks. Over 30 000 Vietcong guerrillas were killed and it took four years to recover from the losses. However, the defeat of the Tet Offensive was not a victory for the USA. American citizens were shocked by the casualties and destruction they saw on television, in a war they were supposed to be winning. Many now believed that it should be ended as soon as possible.**

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**A4 continued.**

**Extract C suggests that the defeat of the Tet Offensive was not a victory for the USA.**

**How far do you agree with this interpretation?**

**Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.  
(16 marks)**

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

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## **A5 East Germany, 1958–90**

- (a) Describe TWO features of EITHER economic problems in the 1980s OR Gorbachev's visit to the GDR in October 1989.**

**(6 marks)**

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**A5 continued.**

- (b) Study Sources A and B and then answer the question that follows on page 25.  
(8 marks)**

**SOURCE A: From Women – Peace and Socialism, a document issued by the Politburo that was circulated in the GDR in 1962.**

**Often, women in work are over-burdened, and their duties as mothers and housewives are overlooked. Instead of helping women, many men invent reasons that are supposed to prove that promoting women in the workplace is impossible. Some say that employing women is not ‘efficient’, that men are more reliable and would not be absent from work as often. Also, there is the false suggestion that women have less understanding than men of technical and business problems.**

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**A5 continued.**

**SOURCE B: From a speech made by Erich Honecker to SED party leaders in 1979.**

**One of the greatest achievements of socialism in our country is to have introduced equal legal rights for women in every-day life – no capitalist country can claim this. The important thing now is how to enable women to make use of these rights. Although men are increasingly sharing domestic responsibilities, it remains a fact that the main burden of work in the home is carried by women. We must also improve childcare so that women can still go out to work.**

**How far does Source A support the evidence of Source B about women in the GDR?**

**Explain your answer.  
(8 marks)**

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**A5 continued.**

**(c) Study Extract C and then answer the question that follows on page 27.**

**EXTRACT C: From Germany United, Divided and Reunited 1945–91, published in 2009.**

**The lives of women in the GDR had improved enormously by 1987. Maternity benefits and child allowances were the most generous in the world. Women were entitled to one day off work each month to carry out household duties. Also, universities and colleges provided flexible arrangements for student mothers. However, women were still mostly employed in low-skill jobs. Even though women made up half of all doctors and teachers, they were rarely promoted to senior positions. There were very few women in the government.**

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**A5 continued.**

**Extract C suggests that the lives of women in the GDR had improved enormously by 1987.**

**How far do you agree with this interpretation?**

**Use Extract C, Sources A and B and your own knowledge to explain your answer.  
(16 marks)**

**(Total for Question A5 = 30 marks)**

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