

History (Specification B)

91455

Unit 1: NO FUN WITHOUT EU: The aftermath of 'Brexit'.

Monday 2 June 2025

9.00 am to 10.45 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer booklet. The Paper Reference is **91455**.
- Choose **three consecutive** topics.
- Answer **all** questions on the **three consecutive** topics you have chosen.
- Do all work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The topics are on the following pages:

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- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- The sources in this question paper have been simplified to make them easier to understand.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 35 minutes on each topic.

Choose **three consecutive** topics.

Answer **all** questions on the three topics you have chosen.

Topic 1: 'Brexit' and the beginning of the end for the European Union

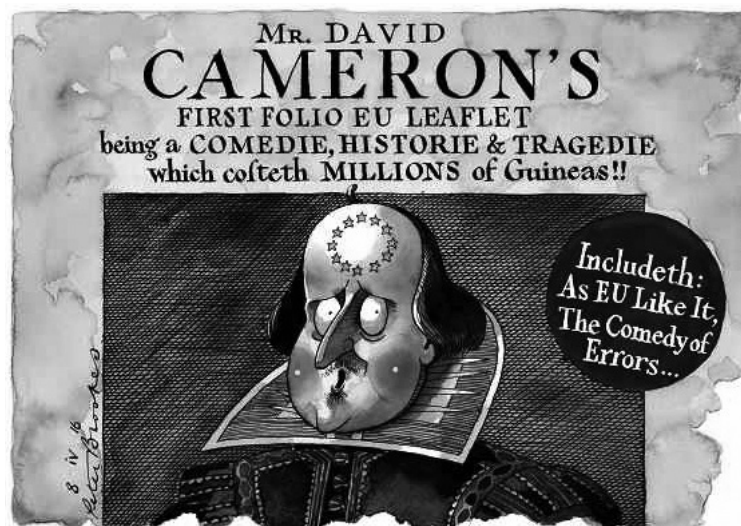
Answer questions **0 1** **0 2** and **0 3**

- 0 1** Describe the internal fractures between members of the Tory party in Britain, which led to David Cameron's decision to hold an EU referendum on 23rd June 2016.

[4 marks]

- 0 2** Study **Source A**.

Source A A British Cartoon published on 8 April 2016.



Source A is commenting on the then Prime Minister David Cameron's efforts to run the REMAIN campaign.

Do you agree that David Cameron mismanaged the campaign and failed either to inform or inspire the majority of English voters of the benefits of staying in the European Union?

Explain your answer using the source **and your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

- 0 3** Which of the following causes was more responsible for the outcome of the referendum, which even the LEAVE campaign did not expect

- the aims and actions of Boris Johnson
- the aims and actions of the right wing press?

You must refer to **both causes** when explaining your answer.

[10 marks]

Topic 2: Johnson's Foreign Policy and the break up of the UK

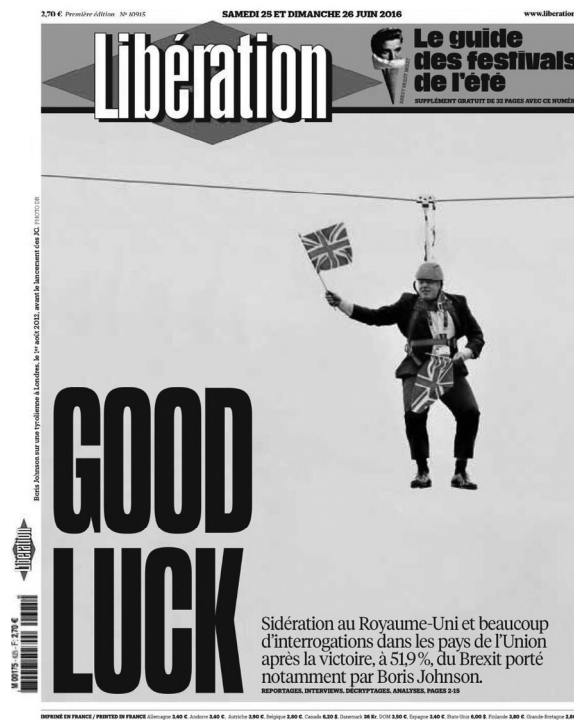
Answer questions **0 4** **0 5** and **0 6**

0 4 Describe Boris Johnson's aims in his foreign policy.

[4 marks]

0 5 Study **Source B**.

Source B The front cover of French newspaper *Libération*, published 25th June 2016.



Source B is commenting on the referendum result and Britain's decision to leave the EU.

In your opinion, what were the main reasons behind Teresa May's decision to appoint Boris Johnson as Foreign Secretary?

Explain your answer using the source **and your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

0 6 What events precipitated the disorderly reintroduction of the Deutsch Mark, Italian Lire, French Franc and the Scottish Bawbee?

You must refer to the terms of the Scottish Independence Treaty when explaining your answer.

[10 marks]

Topic 3: Immigration and the anti-globalisation backlash

Answer questions **07**, **08** and **09**

- 07** In 2005, Michael Howard, then leader of the opposition, published an advertisement in the Sunday Telegraph that led home secretary Charles Clarke to warn his party that the Tories would use immigration as weapon to gain power. Explain why Labour were reluctant to act on Clarke's advice.

[4 marks]

- 08** Study **Source C**.

Source C From the London School of Economics British Politics and Policy blog, 4 August 2016.

The stigmatisation of foreigners as a cause of our economic problems plays to deeply-based cultural fears. This is not simply bigotry, although some of it is. The anti-immigrant feeling would be there even if wages hadn't fallen and public spending hadn't been suffering years of austerity. But these real pressures helped lend credibility to the complaints. After all, what else is immigration but globalisation made flesh?

Source C is commenting on the rise of anti-immigrant feeling and the relation of this to government policies, such as the gutting of social services and the deregulation of powerful corporations that have hurt the standards of living of millions of working people.

Do you agree that Brexit is just one manifestation of an anti-globalisation backlash in the post-2008 era?

Explain your answer using the source and **your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

- 09** Which was the greater reason for the triumph of UKIP in the 2020 general election

The Mare Street anti-fascist riots in the summer of 2018
The anti-globalisation march in the winter of 2019?

You must refer to **both events** when explaining your answer.

[10 marks]

Topic 5: ‘British Law’ overrides European Convention on Human Rights

Answer questions

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 Describe the part played by Michael Gove in the introduction, in 2018, of a British Bill of Rights. [4 marks]

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 Study **Source D**.

Source D A still from a satirical video published on the Guardian Newspaper’s website on Apr 25, 2016



Source D is commenting on the Tory party’s proposal to separate the UK from the European courts. Actor Patrick Stewart, playing the part of a Tory minister, is asking “What has the European Convention on Human Rights ever done for us?”

Do you agree that the scrapping of the Human Rights Act was a betrayal of the British people?

Explain your answer using the source and **your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

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 What impact did the decision to quit the European Convention on Human Rights have on the right to a fair trial, the right to privacy, freedom from slavery, freedom from torture and degrading treatment, freedom of religion, freedom from discrimination, protecting the victims of domestic abuse?

You must refer to at least three of the points above **and** the disastrous unravelling of the Northern Ireland peace process in your answer.

[10 marks]

Topic 5: The erosion of the NHS and the rise of the English far right

Answer questions **1 3** **1 4** and **1 5**

1 3 Describe the main events that led to the National Doctors and Nurses Strike in July 2017.

[4 marks]

1 4 Study **Source E**.

Source E A photograph of the Brexit 'Battle Bus'.
The figure at the centre of the photograph is Boris Johnson.



Source E documents one of the promises made by the LEAVE campaign in 2016: that they would spend the £350 million, which they claimed the UK sent the EU every week, on funding the NHS.

Do you agree that this figure of £350million was inaccurate and misleading?

Once the government reneged on this promise, how did starving the NHS of funds contribute to a spike in hatred and division across the UK?

Explain your answer by referring to the source and **by using your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

1 5 In retrospect, which politician was more satisfied by the outcome of the EU referendum in 2016:

- Prime Minister Boris Johnson
- Deputy UKIP leader Michael Gove?

You must refer to the aims of **both politicians** when explaining your answer

[10 marks]

Topic 6: The collapse of the European Union: Austria and the Visegrád Four

Answer questions **1 | 6**, **1 | 7** and **1 | 8**

- 1 | 6** Describe how the Brexit vote foreshadowed a movement towards right-wing parties across Europe.

[4 marks]

- 1 | 7** Study **Source F**.

Source F From Time Magazine, published 22 September 2016

Thanks to a broader shift to the right in European politics, the FPO [Freedom Party] has become the most popular party in Austria, with its support growing fastest among voters younger than 30. Its presidential candidate, Norbert Hofer, is well positioned to win a runoff election in December, which would make Austria the first country in Western Europe to elect a far-right head of state since the fall of Nazi Germany.

Source F is commenting on the european 'drift rightward' as Austria prepared to elect a far-right President.

Do you agree with the following statement from the same article:

All the rising rightist parties are aligned with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in what they encourage voters to fear: migrants taking your jobs, Muslims threatening your culture and security, political correctness threatening your ability to speak your mind and, above all, entrenched elites selling you out in the service of the wealthy and well-connected.

Explain your answer using the source and **your knowledge**.

[6 marks]

- 1 | 8** Who or what had the greatest influence on the collapse of the European Union in 2024?

- the combined power of the 'Visegrád Four'
- the rhetoric of Norbert Hofer, leader of the Freedom Party in Austria?

You must refer to **both** of the above when explaining your answer.

[10 marks]

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