



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1G

Unit 1G Britain, 1815–1865

Thursday 14 January 2010 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1G.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1** (a) Explain why Lord Liverpool's government passed liberal reforms after 1822. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was popular discontent in bringing about the Reform Act of 1832?  
*(24 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain why Peel reduced tariffs in the years 1841 to 1845. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How far was the mid-Victorian boom due to the repeal of the Corn Laws? *(24 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain why Britain supported France's entry into the Concert of Europe in 1818.  
*(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was maintaining the balance of power in shaping Britain's foreign policy in the years 1815 to 1846?  
*(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**