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ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
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EXAMINATION PAPER

IP12820: The Making of the Modern World: War, Peace and Revolution
since 1789

Time allowed: **24 HOURS**.

You must submit your answer in a single document to the TurnItIn submission point before 9.30am (GMT) the day after the examination paper is released. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please answer TWO questions, **ONE** from **EACH SECTION**

Each answer must comprise of 750 words (+/- 10%). Do not duplicate material you have submitted previously.

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

SECTION A

1. To what extent was European colonial expansion in the second half of the nineteenth century driven by economic factors?
2. To what extent did the emergence of the European alliance systems lead to the outbreak of the First World War in 1914?
3. 'International politics in 1914 was still fundamentally Eurocentric'. Discuss.
4. 'After the Second World War, the European imperial powers lacked both the will and the means to maintain their empires'. Discuss.

5. 'During the Cold War, international politics was fundamentally bipolar'. Discuss.

SECTION B

6. How effective was the "Concert of Europe" as a mechanism for managing 19th century international relations?
7. 'The First World War comprehensively discredited the old diplomacy'. Explain and comment on this view.
8. Was the Versailles settlement doomed to collapse?
9. How successful has the United Nations been as a mechanism for the maintenance of international security since 1945?
10. In what ways does the legacy of the British Empire continue to shape British politics and society today?