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HISTORY – A2 unit 4

DEPTH STUDY 4

**Politics and Society in Wales and England
c.1900-1939**

**Part 2: Economic and Social Challenges in Wales
and England c.1918-1939**

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2018 – AFTERNOON

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **Question 1** and **either Question 2 or 3**.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

You are advised to spend up to 60 minutes on Question 1 and up to 45 minutes on either Question 2 or 3.

The sources and quotations used in this unit may have been amended or adapted from the stated published work in order to make the wording more accessible.

In your answers, you should use knowledge and understanding gained from your study of Unit 2 (AS) where appropriate.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Study the following sources and answer the question that follows:

Source A

My Lords and gentlemen, I am here to put before you the views of the majority of the members of the Cabinet. The Prime Minister Lloyd George has been described this morning in *The Times* as a 'live wire' but I believe him more to be a 'dynamic force' and it is from that very fact that our troubles arise. It is owing to that 'dynamic force', and that remarkable personality, that the Liberal Party, to which he formerly belonged, has been smashed to pieces; and it is my firm conviction that, in time, the same thing will happen to our party. We have already seen the dangers that face our party and if the present association is continued I think the old Conservative Party will be smashed to atoms and lost in ruins. Myself and Mr Chamberlain face going into the wilderness, and we, as friends who hold each other with affection and esteem, are now pitted in a political battle against each other. Such is the threat posed by this 'dynamic force' and such will be his influence throughout the party if this association is allowed to continue.

[Stanley Baldwin, a Conservative M.P. and Trade Minister in the Coalition government of 1918-1922, in a speech to the Conservative Party, at the Carlton Club in London (1922)]

Source B

The country awakens this morning to find Mr MacDonald still Prime Minister with the prospect of a small Cabinet which is representative of all three parties. The former Cabinet resigned yesterday afternoon and a statement issued last night announced that considerable progress has been made in settling the composition of its successor which would be a government of co-operation formed for the specific purposes of carrying through a very large reduction of expenditure and raising further funds. Mr MacDonald and Mr Snowden have shown tremendous courage in considering the formation of a National Government and all concerned are to be warmly congratulated on this course of action. The Prime Minister and the colleagues of his own party who have followed him deserve in particular unqualified credit. They have translated courage in the Cabinet into courage in the country.

[An editorial comment in *The Times*, a newspaper supportive of the Conservative party (1931)]

Source C

A few hours ago I discharged my last duty as King and Emperor, and now that I have been succeeded by my brother, the Duke of York, my first words must be to declare my allegiance to him. This I do with all my heart. You all know the reasons which have impelled me to renounce the throne. But I want you to understand that in making up my mind I did not forget the country or the empire, which, as Prince of Wales and lately as King, I have for twenty-five years tried to serve. But you must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as King as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love. And I want you to know that the decision I have made has been mine and mine alone. This was a thing that I had to judge entirely for myself. The other person most concerned in this matter has tried up to the last to persuade me to take a different course. I have made this, the most serious decision of my life, upon the single thought of what would, in the end, be best for all.

[King Edward VIII, in his abdication speech, broadcast on BBC radio (1936)]

With reference to the sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying political challenges in Britain 1922-1936. [30]

Answer either question 2 or question 3

Either,

2. How far do you agree that government action was largely successful in dealing with the economic problems facing Wales and England 1918-1939? [30]

Or,

3. To what extent did the people of Wales and England benefit from new social and cultural developments in the period 1918-1939? [30]

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