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History

**HI 344 THE BALKANS IN THE AGE OF
NATIONALISM**

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Time Allowed: **Two Hours**

Answer: **Three Questions**

- 1 In the Balkans, were the Ottoman and Habsburg Empires dissimilar, or were they fundamentally alike ?
- 2 Describe how western European ideas about nationalism impinged upon either the Greek Revolution or the Serbian Revolution of the early nineteenth century.
- 3 Discuss the causes and consequences of the revolutions of 1848 in Hungary or Romania.

Please turn over...

4 The Crimean War was fought for political, strategic and even symbolic reasons; did these issues dominate the 'Eastern Question' for the Great Powers after 1856 ?

5 Discuss internal reform in either Macedonia or Bosnia-Herzegovina in the second half of the nineteenth century.

6 How can one explain the similarities between the Serbian coup d'état of 1903 and the Greek crisis of 1909 ?

7 With regard to the statements made at the Sarajevo murder trial, to what degree were the assassins' concerns and motives related to the forces that pushed most of Europe into a general war ?

8 Consider the responses of Hungarians to the messages and ideas of Woodrow Wilson and Vladimir Lenin.

9 How does the experience of the Balkan Jews shed light on the limitations of western models for Southeastern Europe, pre-1939 ?

10 How did the Nazi occupation of the Balkans unmask existing faults in inter-war Balkan society ?

Please turn over...

Or

- 10 Why did Communism seem so much better suited to resistance in occupied Yugoslavia ?**
- 11 What factors allowed Yugoslavia to avoid Soviet Russian control ?**
- 12 Consider internal conditions in either Greece or Yugoslavia during the Cold War.**
- 13 From your readings, why did Serbs feel so under-privileged in Tito's Yugoslavia and how did these complaints help transform Slobodan Milosević's Serbian Communist Party into a nationalist party?**
- 14 How inevitable was the crisis of the 1990s over Kosovo (Kosovo-Mehitoja/Kosova) ?**
- 15 In the events in the former Yugoslavia since 1989, are we seeing genuine, revolutionary change, or only the re-emergence of old patterns and problems ?**
- 16 Describe the historical context of developments in Montenegro since 1989.**