MODERN EUROPE SINCE 1740

Please answer ONE (1) question from Part I and ONE (1) question from Part II. You are allowed a total of four hours to complete this exam (two hours per question.) You are on your honor not to consult any materials, including notes or papers or anything stored in your computer. You are also on your honor not to discuss the exam or its content with any faculty or student until the exam period is over.

PART I (answer one question):

1. How has the French Revolution been understood in the historiography of the 19th and 20th centuries? What major interpretations and debates emerged within this historical literature?

2. Discuss the origins and evolution of modern nationalism in 19th-century Europe in at least two countries.

3. Why and how did the social protest in Europe change during the period c. 1789-1914?

4. Explain the outbreaks and results of Europe’s 1848 revolutions.

5. Historian Norman Stone (among others) has written that European liberalism “bred up its own enemies.” Discuss and elaborate, particularly for the second half of the 19th century.

PART II (answer one question):

6. The debate about the origins of World War I has gone through several phases. How has the argument changed over the years? What are the main issues? How does it stand today?

7. To what extent was World War II the product of the reconfiguration of the European political and economic order of the 1920s and 30s? Assess the factors that set the stage for the outbreak of the war.
8. The notion of ‘totalitarianism’ emerged in the 20\textsuperscript{th} century. What is it? How well does it fit Stalinism and Nazism?

9. Standard textbooks write of 20\textsuperscript{th} century European decolonization. What were its origins and its outcome? Discuss at least two countries.

10. When the Bolsheviks took power, they believed the revolution would spread west. What was the impact of the Russian Revolution on Europe in the first half of the 20\textsuperscript{th} century? Discuss at least two countries.