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Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2000

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the test administrator for a continuation booklet.

This paper has four sections, one for each syllabus theme. Each section has two questions.

Answer **three** questions, each from a **different** section. Each question has several parts. For each question you choose, answer every part, **(a)**, **(b)**, and **(c)**.

You are advised to spend equal time answering each of the three questions.

The number of points is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **three** questions, **each** chosen from a **different** section.

Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000

- 1 (a) Describe the new political groups that emerged in the U.S.A. in the late nineteenth century. [5]
- (b) Explain how President Andrew Johnson attempted to reconstruct the South after the Civil War. [7]
- (c) “The process of Reconstruction from 1865 to 1877 successfully reunited the nation after the Civil War.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe how President Franklin D. Roosevelt attempted to change the Constitution in the 1930s. [5]
- (b) Explain how the power of the U.S. federal government increased during the Second World War. [7]
- (c) “Administrations from 1933 to 1954 were too authoritarian when dealing with the problems they faced.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Who Are Americans 1754–2000?

- 3 (a) What was the importance of the Battle of Wounded Knee (1890)? [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of the reservation system on Native Americans from 1867 to 1900. [7]
- (c) “The Indian Wars were the most important factor in destroying Native American culture in the second half of the nineteenth century.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Describe the impact of the film *The Birth of a Nation* released in 1915. [5]
- (b) Explain why some Jim Crow laws were abolished before 1960. [7]
- (c) “The most important contribution to the Civil Rights movement from 1900 to 1960 came from the NAACP.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Economic and Social Change 1754–2000

- 5 (a) What was the importance of the panic of 1857? [5]
- (b) Explain the economic differences between the North and South before the Civil War. [7]
- (c) “Slavery was the most important factor in increasing tension between the North and South before 1850.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) Describe the policies of “Reaganomics.” [5]
- (b) Explain how the “information age” had an impact on the U.S. economy after 1980. [7]
- (c) “The economic slump in the U.S.A. in the 1970s and early 1980s was mainly the result of domestic problems.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]**Section D: The U.S.A. and the World 1754–2000**

- 7 (a) What was the importance of the acquisition of Florida in 1819? [5]
- (b) Explain why the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 was important for the growth of the U.S. [7]
- (c) “The relationship between the U.S.A. and Great Britain was the most important factor in defining U.S. borders before 1853.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 8 (a) Describe the aims of the U.S.A. at the Potsdam Conference in 1945. [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S.A. took part in the Berlin Airlift, 1948 to 1949. [7]
- (c) “The U.S.A. was largely unsuccessful in containing communism from 1945 to 1975.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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