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Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2000

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No Additional Materials are required.



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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Choose **three** questions, each from a **different** section. Answer parts (a), (b), and (c) for each question that you choose.

Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000

- 1 (a) Describe the ideas of Jacksonian Democracy. [5]
- (b) Explain why the issue of States' Rights was important before 1850. [7]
- (c) "The South lost the Civil War because of poor political leadership." How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) Describe what was meant by "Normalcy" in the 1920s. [5]
- (b) Explain how the U.S. government reacted to the Wall Street Crash before 1933. [7]
- (c) "The Republican administrations of Harding and Coolidge (1921 to 1929) were complacent." How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Who Are Americans?

- 3 (a) What happened at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848? [5]
- (b) Explain why the American Rights Association, founded in 1866, led to disagreements among campaigners. [7]
- (c) "Women failed to get the vote before 1900 because their methods were not effective." How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) What was the impact of the Second World War on employment opportunities for women? [5]
- (b) Explain why the Roe v. Wade judgment in 1973 was important to the women's movement. [7]
- (c) "The campaign for gender equality was very successful in the period from 1960 to 2000." How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Economic and Social Change 1754–2000

- 5 (a) Describe the growth of Mormonism before 1850. [5]
- (b) Explain why the Social Gospel Movement became important in the 1880s and 1890s. [7]
- (c) “Religion became less important in U.S. society between 1850 and 1900.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 6 (a) What was the importance of the Hollywood movie industry in the 1920s and 1930s? [5]
- (b) Explain why a counter-culture developed in the 1950s and 1960s. [7]
- (c) “Changes in popular culture had little influence on the lives of most Americans from 1955 to 1975.” 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 Trent Affair of 1861? [5]
- (b) Explain why the Pacific became a focus for U.S. foreign policy after 1853. [7]
- (c) “Between 1820 and 1900, the main aim of U.S. foreign policy was to gain influence in Central and South America.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 8 (a) Describe the main features of the Marshall Plan of 1948. [5]
- (b) Explain why President Truman followed a policy of containment. [7]
- (c) “The U.S.A. was successful in achieving its aims in Vietnam between 1954 and 1975.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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