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Paper 3 US History Outlines, c. 1750–2000

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**2 hours 15 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **three** questions which must be chosen from **at least two** sections of the paper.

You are reminded of the need for analysis and critical evaluation in your answers to questions. You should also show, where appropriate, an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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**Section 1: c.1750–c.1820**

- 1 To what extent was the deterioration in relations between Britain and its American colonies between 1763 and 1776 due to the unreasonable attitude of the Americans to the British?
- 2 'After the Battle of Saratoga, 1777, the British had no chance of subduing the American colonies.' Assess the validity of this judgement.
- 3 'Personalities rather than policies divided the political parties.' How far do you agree with this view on American politics between 1792 and c.1820?
- 4 'British interference with America's European trade best explains why the two nations came to war in 1812.' Discuss.
- 5 How successful was resistance in the South to attempts to restrict slavery between 1763 and 1820?

**Section 2: c.1820–1865**

- 6 ***(Candidates offering paper 5g: The Origins and Causes of the American Civil War should not answer this question.)***

To what extent was the 'peculiar institution' in the South simply a system of ruthless exploitation of black slaves?

- 7 'Jacksonian Democracy had surprisingly little to do with President Jackson.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 8 'The objectives of US foreign policy in the years 1818–62 did not extend beyond the resolution of its border issues with neighbouring states.' Discuss.
- 9 ***(Candidates offering paper 5g: The Origins and Causes of the American Civil War should not answer this question.)***

How important was the issue of States' Rights in causing the outbreak of the Civil War?

- 10 'The key to Lincoln's success as President was his effective management of men.' Discuss.

**Section 3: Themes c.1750–c.1900**

- 11 'Of all the factors that weakened Native American culture before 1900, the extermination of the buffalo was the most important.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 12 'Large-scale immigration made the United States into a more tolerant society.' Is this a sound judgement on the period c.1840–c.1920?
- 13 What best explains why US industry expanded so rapidly in the period 1865 to 1914?
- 14 'Standards of learning and literacy in the North were more advanced than in the South.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 15 How accurately did American novelists in the nineteenth century reflect life in the United States in this period?
- 16 To what extent was family life in the United States in the nineteenth century dominated by conservative social values?

**Section 4: 1865–1914**

- 17 'Widespread and deep-rooted corruption best explains the collapse of Reconstruction.' How far do you agree?
- 18 'Trade unions had little success in protecting their members between 1865 and 1914.' Discuss.
- 19 To what extent were economic factors the reason for the extension of US influence overseas between c.1880 and 1914?
- 20 'Theodore Roosevelt deserves to be regarded as a great president.' Discuss.
- 21 How far did Woodrow Wilson remain true to his principles in his first term as President of the United States?

**Section 5: 1914–1953**

- 22 To what extent did the US experience a 'crisis of values' in the Jazz Age?
- 23 How convincing is the view that the New Deal did little to lift the economy of the United States out of depression?
- 24 How effective was the United States' contribution to the resolution of international problems between 1919 and 1939?
- 25 'Economic strength was more significant than military might.' How valid is this assessment of the US contribution to the outcome of the Second World War?
- 26 With what justification can the Korean War, 1950–53, be regarded as a failure for the United States?

**Section 6: 1953–2000**

- 27 'In domestic policy, President Eisenhower sacrificed the interests of the poor and needy to those of big business.' How far do you agree with this assessment?
- 28 ***(Candidates offering paper 5n: The Civil Rights Movement in the USA should not answer this question.)***
- Who deserves more credit for the advancement of civil rights for Black Americans in the 1960s: President Kennedy or President Johnson?
- 29 'An unmitigated disaster.' Discuss this view of the presidency of Jimmy Carter.
- 30 'The only significant objective of United States foreign policy was the containment of communism.' Assess this view of United States policy towards the Soviet Union and China in the period from 1963 to 1979.
- 31 'The First Gulf War created more problems than it solved.' Do you agree with this view?
- 32 What best explains the outcome of the presidential election campaign of 2000?

**Section 7: Themes c.1900–2000**

- 33** 'Changes in the role and status of women in American society in the years c.1880–c.1945 were minimal.' How far do you agree?
- 34** To what extent were the benefits of economic growth in the years 1941 to c.1980 shared evenly?
- 35** 'The Watergate Scandal from 1972 ultimately had little effect on the power of the presidency.' Do you agree?
- 36** How important is American art as a source of evidence for historians of United States society in the twentieth century?
- 37** Assess the importance of young people in domestic upheavals in the United States from c.1960.
- 38** Consider the view that the United States became an increasingly divided country after 1945.



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