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Paper 3 US History Outlines, c. 1750–2000

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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 an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

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

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

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 'The economic and commercial relationship between Britain and its American colonies, 1750–76, benefited each equally.' Discuss.
- 2 Assess the impact of the American Enlightenment in the period c.1750 to c.1820.
- 3 'The incompetence of its generals was the main reason for Britain's defeat in the War of Independence.' How valid is this view?
- 4 Which President's conduct of the foreign policy of the United States in the years 1801 to 1817 was more successful: Jefferson or Madison?
- 5 What best explains the extent of slavery in the South by 1820?

Section 2: c.1820–1865

- 6 How democratic was the political system of the United States during the presidency of Andrew Jackson?
- 7 How successfully did the foreign policy of United States governments serve the national interest in the period c.1820 to 1861?
- 8 ***(Candidates offering paper 5g: The Origins and Causes of the American Civil War should not answer this question.)***

How is the mounting sectional conflict in the period c.1850 to c.1860 best explained?
- 9 Was the defeat of the South in the American Civil War primarily caused by lack of resources?
- 10 Is the high reputation of Abraham Lincoln as President deserved?

Section 3: Themes c.1750–c.1900

- 11 'Of all the factors that explain westward expansion in the nineteenth century, the pursuit of gold was the most important.' Discuss.
- 12 'The problems outweighed the benefits.' Do you accept this judgement on the impact of immigration in the period c.1840 to c.1920?
- 13 What best explains the rapid expansion of the US economy in the period 1865 to 1914?
- 14 Assess the value of the work of any **one** American writer in the period c.1750 to c.1900 in reflecting life in the United States.
- 15 'Changes to family life were greater in urban rather than rural areas in the United States in the nineteenth century.' Do you agree?
- 16 'The horse remained vital to transport and communications in the United States during the nineteenth century.' Discuss.

Section 4: 1865–1914

- 17 'The failure of Reconstruction was the responsibility of President Grant.' Discuss.
- 18 What best explains the limited achievements of radical political movements in the United States in the late nineteenth century?
- 19 Had the United States established an empire by 1914?
- 20 Consider the view that Theodore Roosevelt's popularity was based on his personality rather than his policies.
- 21 How effective was President Woodrow Wilson in defending the interests of the United States abroad before 1917?

Section 5: 1914–1953

- 22 Why was the economy of the United States so depressed by 1932?
- 23 'The New Deal was of local rather than national benefit.' Discuss.
- 24 How important was the United States in attempts to maintain world peace during the inter-war years?
- 25 'The quality of its leadership was the most important element of the United States' contribution to the Allied victory in World War Two.' Discuss.
- 26 Is it valid to say that McCarthyism was about personal ambition and party politics rather than principles?

Section 6: 1953–2000

- 27 'Eisenhower's honesty and integrity explains his landslide victory.' Do you agree with this view of the outcome of the presidential election of 1952?
- 28 What best explains the extent of popular opposition to the Vietnam war in the United States?
- 29 ***(Candidates offering paper 5n: The Civil Rights Movement in the USA should not answer this question.)***
- 'The domestic successes of President Johnson were dependent on the legacy of J.F. Kennedy.' Assess this judgement.
- 30 'The visit to China was the most important initiative taken by Nixon in his relations with communist countries.' Discuss.
- 31 'The most important reason for the election of Jimmy Carter in 1976 was the inadequacy of Gerald Ford's presidency.' Discuss.
- 32 'Nothing more than a political label.' Discuss this view of 'Reaganomics' in the 1980s.

Section 7: Themes c.1900–2000

- 33** How effectively did the United States' economy adjust to the problems it faced in the period 1945–c.1980?
- 34** Do you agree that the presidency of F.D. Roosevelt was more 'imperial' than that of his successors in this period?
- 35** How plausible is the view that developments in twentieth-century architecture reflected the increasing confidence of the United States?
- 36** To what extent had the social problems of the 1960s been resolved by 1980?
- 37** 'The threat of terrorism best explains the rise of a conservative culture in the period 1968–2000.' Discuss.
- 38** 'The main problem of sustained levels of immigration between 1945 and 2000 was the pressure created on the labour market.' Do you agree?

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