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**AMERICAN HISTORY (US)**

**0409/01**

Paper 1 Making of a Nation

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**2 hours**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total, from **one** section only.
- For each question you choose, answer every part, **(a)**, **(b)** and **(c)**.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in parentheses [ ].

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Answer any **three** questions from your chosen section.

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

**SECTION A: Emergence of a Nation 1754–1890**

- 1** Before 1840 there were different attempts to ensure that the United States was a democratic country.
- (a) How did colonists respond to British rule, 1754–74? [4]
  - (b) Why did different political parties develop before 1840? [6]
  - (c) “The creation of the Bill of Rights in 1791 marks the point where the United States became a democracy.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 2** The United States used different methods to expand and change its borders before 1853.
- (a) Describe the impact of the War of 1812. [4]
  - (b) Explain why Texas became a member of the Union in 1846. [6]
  - (c) To what extent was the declining influence of Spain the main reason for the expansion of the United States before 1853? [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 3** The relationship between the Native American population and the US government was often violent.
- (a) Describe the impact of westward expansion on Native Americans. [4]
  - (b) Why did the US army fight the Red River War, 1874–75? [6]
  - (c) “The relationship between Native Americans and the American government was co-operative before 1840.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 4** African Americans were treated differently in the North and the South, both before and after the Civil War.
- (a) What was the Missouri Compromise? [4]
  - (b) Why did the activities of John Brown during the 1850s make him famous? [6]
  - (c) “Arguments over States’ Rights were the most important cause of the Civil War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]

**5** After 1850, people in the United States began to think differently about how people should live and work.

**(a)** What was meant by Populism in the second half of the nineteenth century? [4]

**(b)** Explain why working conditions were affected by industrialization in the late nineteenth century. [6]

**(c)** “New inventions caused the industrialization of the Northern United States after 1850.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 20]

**6** In the period after 1860 many immigrants arrived in the United States.

**(a)** What was the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882? [4]

**(b)** Explain why there was an increase in Mexican immigration after 1850. [6]

**(c)** “Groups that opposed immigration in this period were only concerned about the cultural impact of new communities.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

[Total: 20]

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**SECTION B: Consolidating the Nation 1890–2000**

- 7 During the early twentieth century, some people began to question what could be done to improve people's lives.
- (a) Describe the aims of the Industrial Workers of the World (the "Wobblies"). [4]
- (b) Explain why the book *How the Other Half Lives*, published in 1890, shocked people. [6]
- (c) To what extent did Progressivism tackle the problems which were important to ordinary Americans? [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 8 The lives of many Americans changed during the 1920s.
- (a) Describe what was meant by the term "New Woman" in the 1920s. [4]
- (b) Explain why the increased use of electricity was important to the economy of the 1920s. [6]
- (c) "The economic 'boom' of the 1920s had a positive impact on all Americans." To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 9 The economy of the late 1920s and 1930s had many ups and downs.
- (a) What was the purpose of the "alphabet agencies"? [4]
- (b) Explain why "Hooverilles" became common after 1929. [6]
- (c) To what extent was overproduction the most significant cause of the Wall Street Crash? [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 10 African Americans used different methods to attempt to improve their lives during this period.
- (a) What was the Plessy vs. Ferguson judgement? [4]
- (b) Explain why the Black Panthers challenged the methods of the Civil Rights movement. [6]
- (c) To what extent was the campaign to challenge the Jim Crow laws successful between 1950 and 1963? [10]
- [Total: 20]

- 11** The relationship between the United States and the rest of the world changed after 1945.
- (a) What was the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962? [4]
  - (b) Why was the Marshall Plan created? [6]
  - (c) “Ronald Reagan was a Cold War peace maker.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]
- 12** The United States faced new domestic challenges and economic opportunities after 1945.
- (a) What was Kennedy’s “New Frontier”? [4]
  - (b) Explain why business franchises were important to the US economy between 1945 and 1960. [6]
  - (c) “Spending on the Vietnam War caused the economic problems of the 1970s.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- [Total: 20]

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