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**AMERICAN HISTORY**

**0409/01**

Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2000

**For Examination from 2015**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**2 hours**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

An answer booklet is provided in this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator 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 in answering each of the three questions.

The total mark for this paper is 60. The number of marks 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) How was the Constitution of the U.S. created? [5]
- (b) Explain why President Jackson made political reforms from 1828 to 1836. [7]
- (c) “The Union fell apart because of the election of Lincoln as president.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 2 (a) Describe the main features of the Reconstruction period (1865–77). [5]
- (b) Explain why Populism grew from 1867 to 1896. [7]
- (c) “Administrations from 1865 to 1933 were often complacent 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) Describe the impact of slavery on the lives of African Americans before 1861. [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Harlem Renaissance to the development of American culture before 1945. [7]
- (c) “Martin Luther King’s role in helping the civil rights movement gain momentum after 1945 has been greatly exaggerated.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 4 (a) Describe the outcome of the Indian Wars of the 1870s. [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of the policy of assimilation on Native Americans before 1945. [7]
- (c) “The achievements of Native Americans in improving their status were very limited before 1980.” 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 effects of industrialization on working and living conditions from 1877 to 1900. [5]
- (b) Explain how legal and political changes helped the market revolution. [7]
- (c) “The most important reason for the market revolution in the nineteenth century was access to an abundance of natural resources.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 6 (a) Describe the consumer boom of the 1920s. [5]
- (b) Explain why there was a Great Crash in October 1929. [7]
- (c) “The New Deal was a failure.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

**Section D: America and the World 1754–2010**

- 7 (a) What led to the Spanish–American War of 1898? [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of America’s role during the Yalta and Potsdam conferences in 1945. [7]
- (c) “U.S. foreign policy from 1820 to 1914 was dominated by concerns over Central and South America.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 8 (a) Describe the U.S.A.’s role in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S.A. got involved in Vietnam from 1954 to 1964. [7]
- (c) “The main aim of U.S. foreign policy from 1945 to 1980 was to contain communism.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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