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# AS HISTORY

America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1877

Component 2J The origins of the American Civil War, c1845–1861

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Wednesday 25 May 2016      Afternoon      Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2J.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

## Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

From an anti-slavery novel, 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' by Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1852. This extract contains the words of a character from the novel, Mary, the wife of Senator John Bird.

'You ought to be ashamed, John! Poor, homeless, houseless creatures! The Fugitive Slave Law is a shameful, wicked, abominable law, and I'll break it, for one, the first time I get a chance; and I hope I shall have a chance, I do! Things have got to a pretty pass, if a woman can't give a warm supper and a bed to poor, starving creatures, just because they are slaves, and have been abused and oppressed all their lives, poor things! I don't know anything about politics, but I can read my Bible; and there I see that I must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the desolate; and that Bible I mean to follow.'

 5**Source B**

From the author's introduction to her novel, 'The Planter's Northern Bride' by Caroline Lee Hentz (1854), in which the author explains her views. This book was a Southern response to 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'.

It is our honest belief that the negroes of the South are the happiest labouring class on the face of the globe; despite all that can truly be said of their trials and sufferings. The fugitives who flee to the Northern States are no proof against the truth of this statement. They have, most of them, been affected by the influence of others — tempted by promises which are seldom fulfilled. The seeds of discontent and rebellion have taken root in the beautiful groves of the South.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining attitudes to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

**0 2** 'By 1845, the Missouri Compromise was ineffective in maintaining peace.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'Southern politicians were responsible for the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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