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# A-level HISTORY

Component 2P The Transformation of China, 1936–1997

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Wednesday 13 June 2018    Afternoon    Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/2P.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
  - 60 minutes on Question 01
  - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

From an editorial entitled 'Hold High the Red Flag of People's Communes and March On' in the newspaper, People's Daily, 3 September 1958.

Where the people's communes have already come into existence, the peasants, beating drums and gongs, celebrated the occasion with great joy and their enthusiasm for production has reached a new height. The poor and lower-middle peasants, in particular, rejoice in the formation of the commune and regard it as the 'realisation of a long-cherished dream'. China now has some 700,000 agricultural producers' co-operatives, mostly set up during the upsurge of socialism in 1955 and later gradually transformed into advanced co-operatives. They are undoubtedly far superior to individual farming, mutual-aid terms, and even the elementary agricultural producers' co-operatives, and have contributed enormously to the steady increase of China's farm out-put in the past few years. During the current leap forward in agricultural production and rural work, the mass of peasants have witnessed not only a several-fold increase in agricultural production but also the happy future of industrialisation and urbanisation of rural areas. As a result, the prestige of the Party has become more consolidated than ever among the peasants.

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**Source B**

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**Source C**

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Great Leap Forward.

**[30 marks]**

**Turn over for Section B**

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**Section B**

Answer **two** questions.

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- 0 2** 'Jiang Jieshi's government was strengthened by its handling of the Sino-Japanese war.'  
Assess the validity of this view. **[25 marks]**
- 0 3** How significant was the role of the PLA in the Cultural Revolution? **[25 marks]**
- 0 4** 'The Tiananmen Square demonstrations of 1989 were the result of Deng Xiaoping's economic policies.'  
Assess the validity of this view. **[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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