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HISTORY

America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1877

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

Tuesday 22 May 2018   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** Question 02 **or** Question 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.

Source A

From a speech by William Yancey, a strongly pro-slavery Democrat from Alabama, speaking to the Democratic National Convention, Charleston, 28 April 1860.

Do not abandon principle for mere Party success, or you will die by the hands of your friends as surely as by the hand of your enemy. Give your loyalty to the Constitution and the South, not to the Party as they demand. The leaders of the masses, brilliant men, great statesmen, may, by ever ignoring the people's rights, still have a brilliant destiny in the rewards of office. However, when those leaders become untrue to the people and ask the people to vote for a Party that ignores their rights, and dares not acknowledge them, in order to put and keep them in office, they ought to be strung upon a political gallows.

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Source B

From 'History of the Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America', by Henry Wilson, published in 1872. Wilson was an abolitionist and Republican Vice President, 1873–75.

At the Baltimore Convention of 1860, the great Democratic Party, with all its prestige, past victories and all of its power, was to be broken up. There was a falling-out similar to that which had taken place at Charleston. The entire delegations of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, California, and Delaware, and portions of Maryland, Kentucky, and Massachusetts, withdrew. These withdrawals, and a motion to proceed to a vote, became the occasion of demonstrations more violent and discreditable than any that were made at Charleston. Mr Smith of California said: "California is here with melancholy face. California is here weeping over the downfall and the destruction of the Democratic Party, completed by assassins now grinning upon this floor".

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0 1   With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the split in the Democratic Party in 1860?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'By 1850, relations between North and South were seriously damaged by the gaining of territories from Mexico.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'There had been significant increase in abolitionist sentiment in the North by 1854.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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