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**AMERICAN HISTORY (US)**

Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2010

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**2 hours**

No Additional Materials are required.



**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional 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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Answer **three** questions **each** chosen from a **different** section.

**Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000**

- 1 (a) What was the importance of the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863? [5]
- (b) Explain why Lincoln won the election of 1860. [7]
- (c) 'The North won the Civil War (1861–65) mainly due to superior military strategy.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 2 (a) What was the impact of Reconstruction on the South (1865–77)? [5]
- (b) Explain why a Progressive Movement emerged in the period from 1901 to 1920. [7]
- (c) 'The Hoover administration was ineffective in dealing with problems that resulted from the Wall Street Crash.' 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 contribution made by Booker T. Washington in improving the lives of African Americans. [5]
- (b) Explain why it was difficult for African Americans to make economic, social and political progress in the period from 1877 to 1914. [7]
- (c) 'The economic, social and political status of African Americans changed very little in the period from 1964 to 2000.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 4 (a) Describe the activities of the Knights of Labor. [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of the Wagner Act of 1935 on labor relations before 1941. [7]
- (c) 'Labor unions were successful in improving workers' rights before 1914.' 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 role of Eli Whitney in the American Industrial Revolution. [7]
- (b) Explain the impact of the American Industrial Revolution on living and working conditions before 1900. [7]
- (c) 'The Second World War was the main reason for the expansion of the economy in the 1950s.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 6 (a) What was the Social Gospel Movement of the 1880s and 1890s? [5]
- (b) Explain why there was a religious revival in the first half of the nineteenth century. [7]
- (c) 'The impact of counter-culture on American society in the 1960s has been exaggerated.' 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 were the main characteristics of U.S. foreign policy in the 1930s? [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S. introduced a policy of containment in the late 1940s. [7]
- (c) 'The U.S. had great success in helping bring stability to Europe from 1945 to 1949.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

- 8 (a) Describe U.S. policies towards Japan from 1945 to 1952. [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S. became involved in the Korean War, 1950–53. [7]
- (c) 'It was the U.S.A. that resolved the Cuban Missile Crisis.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

**[Total: 20]**

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