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AMERICAN HISTORY (US)

0409/01

Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2010

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2 hours

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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)**.

Write the question number at the start of your answer to each question and each part of the question.

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Answer **three** questions **each** chosen from a **different** section.

Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000

- 1 (a) Describe how Tom Paine influenced the development of the U.S. before 1790. [5]
- (b) Explain how the U.S. Constitution was created. [7]
- (c) 'The emergence of political parties in the U.S. was the most important factor in the move towards democracy before 1850.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) What were the Jim Crow laws? [5]
- (b) Explain why new political groupings emerged in the late nineteenth century. [7]
- (c) 'Women were given the vote in 1920 mainly because of their efforts in the First World War.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Who are Americans?

- 3 (a) What was the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882? [5]
- (b) Explain why there was an increase in the migration of Hispanic Americans from 1848 to 1914. [7]
- (c) 'Discrimination against Japanese immigrants from the 1890s to the 1940s was mainly because of economic factors.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) What was the impact of the Ku Klux Klan on the lives of African Americans before 1871? [5]
- (b) Explain why the status of African Americans changed from 1918 to 1945. [7]
- (c) 'Malcolm X contributed more to the progress of African Americans than Martin Luther King.' 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 Theodore Roosevelt's reforms of the U.S. economy and society. [5]
- (b) Explain how new technology helped to create a 'market revolution' before 1900. [5]
- (c) 'The economic problems of the 1970s all stemmed from the oil crisis of 1972–73.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

- 6 (a) What were the main features of the religious revival of the early 1800s? [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Jazz Age for U.S. popular culture before 1939. [7]
- (c) 'The hippy movement had a negative influence on the development of U.S. culture.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

Section D: America and the World 1754–2010

- 7 (a) Describe the main military events of the Revolutionary War (1775–83). [5]
- (b) Explain the causes of the War of 1812. [7]
- (c) 'From the 1890s to 1914, U.S. foreign policy was based mainly on imperialism.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

- 8 (a) Describe the attitudes of Americans to war in Europe from 1914 to 1919. [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S. went to war in 1941. [7]
- (c) 'The U.S. was mostly unsuccessful in helping settle disputes in the Middle East from 1979 to 2001.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
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