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HISTORY

UNIT 1: STUDY IN-DEPTH

The USA: A Nation of Contrasts, 1910-1929

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1 hour 15 minutes

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	18	
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3.	12	
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer ALL the questions on the examination paper.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the continuation page at the back of the booklet, and if this is not sufficient use a pink 4-page continuation booklet. Write your name on the front of the continuation booklet and indicate clearly the number(s) of the questions you answer. Put the continuation booklet inside this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers that involve extended writing. These are question 2(c) and question 3.

In addition, your ability to spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately will be assessed in your answer to question 3.

Answer all questions.

QUESTION 1

This question is focused on the main problems and challenges facing America. [18]

Study the sources below and then answer the question which follows.

Source A

In 1924 it was illegal for a state school to teach that humans were descended from animals or any theory that questioned the Bible's story of God's creation of the earth. Johnny Scopes deliberately challenged this and was fined \$100 in a court trial for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

[From a school textbook]

Source B



[A photograph of anti-evolution books for sale during the Monkey Trial in 1925]

(a) What do Sources A and B suggest about the Monkey Trial? [4]

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Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

Source C

At the start of the twentieth century many powerful groups opposed the idea of selling alcohol in the USA and it became a major political topic. Some women's groups argued that there was a clear link between drinking alcohol and cases of domestic abuse. Factory owners complained about the decline in efficiency.

[From a school textbook]

(b) Use Source C and your own knowledge to explain why prohibition was introduced. [6]

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Study the sources below and then answer the question which follows.

Source D

I am innocent. I am suffering because I am opposed to the way America is ruled. I have suffered because I am an Italian. I have never committed any crime but sometimes some sin. I wish to forgive some people for what they are now doing to me.

[Bartolomeo Vanzetti's last words as he was led to the electric chair, August 1927]

Source E

Judge Thayer was in charge of the original trial of Sacco and Vanzetti. I have known the judge all my life. He is a narrow minded, unintelligent and prejudiced man. He was carried away by fear of Communists. He received much criticism for his clearly biased behaviour inside and outside of the court.

[Felix Frankfurter, a lawyer, in his 1930 book *The Case of Sacco and Vanzetti*. He unsuccessfully campaigned for a retrial]

- (c) How useful are Sources D and E to an historian studying the Sacco and Vanzetti case? [8]
Explain your answer using the sources and your own knowledge.

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QUESTION 2

This question is focused on the rise and fall of the American economy.

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(a) Describe the growth of the car industry in the 1920s.

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Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

Source F



[An advert for the Energex vacuum cleaner, from the Sears Roebuck mail order catalogue, 1920]

(b) Why was Source F produced in 1920?

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Historians have made different interpretations about the causes of the Wall Street Crash.

The following pieces of evidence refer to the causes of the Wall Street Crash.

Study these and answer the question that follows.

Evidence 1

This interpretation is written by Nigel Kelly, writing for a GCSE history textbook '*The USA 1919-1941*', published in 1997.

He argues that there were many causes of the Wall Street Crash.

As in most events in History, there is no simple answer to the question 'Why did the Crash happen?'. Instead we have to look at a variety of linked causes, including the overproduction of goods, the availability of easy credit, the uneven distribution of wealth and finally the panic of inexperienced investors.

Evidence 2

This interpretation is from Cecil Roberts, an American citizen who experienced the rise and fall of the American economy, writing in his book, *The Bright Twenties*, published in 1938.

He argues that the greed of the stock market was to blame for the Wall Street Crash.

The greed and insanity of the stock market reached its peak in 1929. Everyone was buying and selling on the market. People expected to double their money quickly and for it to double again. When I saw shopkeepers and other investors risking all they owned on shares, I knew there would soon be trouble.

Evidence 3

This evidence is from Roger Babson, a leading economist in 1928.

Sooner or later an economic crash is coming. The overproduction in agriculture, falling house prices and reduced trade with other countries will have a terrible impact on the economy. Factories will shut down and millions of men will be thrown out of work.

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