

## AS HISTORY

The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

Component 2S Building a new Britain, 1951–1979

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Monday 20 May 2024

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 7041/2S.
- 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.

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**Source A**

From 'The Time of My Life', an autobiography by Denis Healey, 1989. Healey was Defence Secretary in Wilson's government, 1964–70.

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Source A is from the autobiography of Denis Healey. Healey describes Harold Wilson's limitations as a party leader, that he shifted his ministers around too often and lacked direction.

**Source B**

From a public lecture on Harold Wilson by Bernard Donoughue in 2018. Donoughue was a lifelong Labour activist and joined Wilson's personal staff as a political adviser in 1974.

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Source B is from a lecture by Bernard Donoughue about Harold Wilson. Donoughue argues that Wilson was a highly skilled politician who achieved many things in the years 1964 to 1970.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining Harold Wilson's leadership of the Labour Party in the years 1964 to 1970?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

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

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**Either**

**0 2**

'Affluence and consumerism transformed British society in the 1950s.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3**

'The unions were responsible for the defeat of Edward Heath's government in 1974.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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