

## AS HISTORY

The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

Component 1K From Civil War to World War, 1865–1920

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Wednesday 15 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 7041/1K.
- 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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**Extract A**

Americans were proud of their record of economic growth between 1900 and 1920. A steady flow of immigrants supplied all the manpower required and the output of manufacturing more than doubled in the first twelve years of the century. The attraction of the USA was so great that immigration raised the population from 75 million in 1900 to over 100 million in 1917, with immigrants willing to suffer hardship both in their journeys to the USA and in the cities where they arrived for the prospect of jobs in the booming industries: gold in Alaska, oil in Texas, fruit in California. They were rewarded as the wages of unskilled immigrants rose as old industries thrived and new ones appeared. 5

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of the experience of immigrants in the USA in the years 1900 to 1920?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

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

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**Either**

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'In the years 1865 to 1890, the West was entirely different from other regions of the United States.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

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'The growth of the oil industry was the most important reason for the development of the US economy in the years 1890 to 1914.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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