

AS HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Component 2Q Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

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 7041/2Q.
- 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.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a letter to Earl Mazo from Martin Luther King, 2 September 1958. Mazo, who was writing a biography of Vice-President Nixon, had asked King for his views on Nixon.

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Source A is a letter from Martin Luther King, giving his view on Vice-President Nixon. King describes Nixon as friendly and a superb diplomat. However, King then questions if Nixon can be trusted.

Source B

From comments made in an interview for the popular magazine, 'Look', by Vice-President Nixon, 25 October 1960. The interview was published two weeks before the 1960 Presidential election.

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Source B is from an interview with Nixon in 1960, shortly before the election, talking about his extensive campaigning across the country.

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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 Nixon's strengths as Vice-President?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The growth of the American economy in the 1950s was due to an increase in the availability of credit.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'American foreign policy in Asia was a failure in the years 1953 to 1960.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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