

A-level HISTORY

Component 2P The Transformation of China, 1936–1997

Friday 7 June 2024

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/2P.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a statement made in an interview with a Western historian, by Liu Lin, 2001. Liu Lin, an agricultural expert, worked at a people's commune during the Great Leap Forward.

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Source A is from Liu Lin, an agricultural expert, reflecting on working at a people's commune during the Great Leap Forward. He highlights the excessive focus on producing iron in the backyard furnaces and how this played a role in causing a famine, places responsibility for this mistake on the misjudgement of the cadre and highlights the brutality of some of the cadres during the Great Leap Forward.

Source B

From a speech at a CCP conference for provincial and local party cadres by Mao Zedong, February 1959.

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Source B is a speech by Mao Zedong at a CCP conference in February 1959. Mao suggests that there are no flaws within the Great Leap Forward and that the people's communes are the correct way forward. Mao states that any criticisms or suggestions of failure are part of a rightist plot to sabotage the CCP.

Source C

From a speech made to schoolchildren by a CCP-appointed headmaster, Principal Gao, 1960. The speech was reported in the memoirs of one of Gao's pupils, published 1993.

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Source C is from a speech made to schoolchildren by a headmaster appointed by the CCP. The source blames Khrushchev and the Soviet Union for any problems with the Great Leap Forward.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Great Leap Forward.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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How successful was Jiang Jieshi in carrying out the GMD's principles of Nationalism, Democracy and the People's Livelihood before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war?

[25 marks]**0 3**

'Conflict over Xinjiang was the main cause of the deterioration in Sino-Soviet relations in the years 1962 to 1966.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 4**

'The Shanghai Radicals were the most powerful group in China in the years 1969 to 1976.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS****Copyright information**

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