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History

HIS2R

**Unit 2R: A Sixties Social Revolution?
British Society, 1959–1975**

Friday 16 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2R.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Adapted from the editorial in the first edition of *The Sun*, 15 September 1964

Five million Britons now holiday abroad every year. Steaks, cars, houses, refrigerators, washing machines are no longer just for the ‘upper crust’, but are the right of all. People believe, and *The Sun* believes with them, that the division of Britain into social classes is happily out of date. For all these millions of people with lively minds and fresh ambitions, *The Sun* will stimulate the new thinking, hoping to produce among its readers the leaders of tomorrow, knowing they are more likely to emerge from a college of advanced technology than from Eton or Harrow.

Source B For millions of Britons, the Sixties – or at least the media version of the Sixties – was a party that was happening somewhere else. It was one that they could only watch through people whose lives were more socially privileged. Moreover, there were parts of Britain where millions of people were left behind in the economic advances of the ‘golden age’. Similarly, there was no fundamental redistribution of income and wealth across social classes, nor was there a shift away from the sources of authority collectively known as the ‘Establishment’.

Adapted from M DONNELLY, *The Sixties*, 2005

Source C Thanks to the previous Tory government, in 1964 Britain was enjoying a reckless surge of growth and prosperity. As shoppers strolled down their local high streets, they were surrounded by all the trappings of the affluent society: car and television showrooms, crowded supermarkets, teenagers chatting over their mopeds, radios blaring out the latest hits by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. Both *The Sunday Times* and *The Sunday Telegraph* were already producing glossy guides to this new world of consumerism and luxury, with fashion tips by Mary Quant for the housewife and short stories by Ian Fleming for a man to relax with at home.

Adapted from D SANDBROOK, *White Heat*, 2006

(a) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to social change in the Sixties. (12 marks)

(b) Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far had an increase in purchasing power transformed the lives of British people by 1964? (24 marks)

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain why Harold Wilson tried to associate the Labour Party with science and modernisation in the General Election campaign of 1964. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'The liberalising legislation of the Labour governments of 1964 to 1970 transformed British society.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR

- 3 (a) Explain why the number of women in paid employment grew in the years 1959 to 1964. *(12 marks)*
- (b) 'The position of women in Britain changed little between 1964 and 1975.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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