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Paper 3 US History Outlines, c. 1750–2000

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **three** questions which must be chosen from **at least two** sections of the paper.

You are reminded of the need for analysis and critical evaluation in your answers to questions. You should also show, where appropriate, an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Section 1: c. 1750–c. 1820

- 1 To what extent was Britain to blame for the deteriorating relationship with its American colonies between 1763 and 1776?
- 2 How accurate is it to say that the American War of Independence was sustained largely because of the strength of American patriotism?
- 3 Why did the first party system emerge?
- 4 How is the outbreak of war between Britain and the United States in 1812 best explained?
- 5 Why was there so little opposition to the continuation of the slave system in this period?

Section 2: c. 1820–1865

- 6 ***(Candidates offering paper 5g: The Origins and Causes of the American Civil War should not answer this question.)***

How influential was the movement to abolish slavery within the United States between 1820 and 1861?

- 7 To what extent did the presidency of Andrew Jackson change the nature of US politics?
- 8 Why did the relationship between Mexico, the Texan settlers and the US government lead to so much conflict between 1830 and 1848?
- 9 ***(Candidates offering paper 5g: The Origins and Causes of the American Civil War should not answer this question.)***

With what justification can Abraham Lincoln's election as US President be seen as the primary cause of the American Civil War?

- 10 How important was the quality of generalship in explaining the victory of the Union army in the American Civil War?

Section 3: Themes c. 1750–c. 1900

- 11 'The settlement of the American West was mainly driven by a combination of land hunger among the poor and the greed of the railway companies.' Discuss.
- 12 Why was the way of life of Native Americans so dramatically transformed during the nineteenth century?
- 13 How is the rapid industrialisation of the United States between 1865 and 1914 best explained?
- 14 To what extent and why did the role of women in US society change between 1850 and 1920?
- 15 How much light do American novels of the nineteenth century shed on social change within the United States?
- 16 How is the rapid spread of the railway network across the United States in the nineteenth century best explained?

Section 4: 1865–1914

- 17 'For African Americans, the era of Redemption was little better than a tyranny.' Discuss.
- 18 How influential were socialist ideas within the United States between 1880 and 1920?
- 19 Account for the political influence of William Jennings Bryan.
- 20 How valid is it to describe American foreign policy between 1890 and 1914 as essentially imperialist?
- 21 How successful was Woodrow Wilson's first term as President?

Section 5: 1914–1953

- 22 'The weakness of the US economy in the 1920s outweighed its strength.' Discuss.
- 23 How accurate is the view that in the period 1920 to 1941 the United States followed a policy of isolationism?
- 24 How justified was the opposition to the New Deal?
- 25 How significant was the role of the United States in the defeat of Germany in the Second World War?
- 26 How can the 'Red Scare' of the late 1940s and the early 1950s be best explained?

Section 6: 1953–2000

- 27 To what extent, if at all, should Eisenhower be regarded as a successful president?
- 28 *(Candidates offering paper 5n: The Civil Rights Movement in the USA should not answer this question.)*
- How much credit does Johnson deserve for the civil rights legislation passed during his presidency?
- 29 'Of all the presidents dealing with the Vietnam conflict, President Nixon deserves the most criticism for the eventual failure.' To what extent do you accept this judgement?
- 30 To what extent did the reputation of the presidency diminish during the 1970s?
- 31 What, if anything, were the achievements of the policy of détente in the 1960s and 1970s?
- 32 'Both in domestic and foreign policy, Clinton's presidency marked a decisive shift away from the Republican policies of the 1980s.' Discuss.

Section 7: Themes c. 1900–2000

- 33** 'The history of the United States saw a period of prolonged growth, culminating in a profound economic crisis.' Assess this view of the US between 1941 and 1980.
- 34** How accurate is the view that the presidential office increased its power dramatically in the period from 1933 to 1969?
- 35** How convincing is the argument that after World War Two a distinctively US style of art and architecture emerged?
- 36** How persuasive is the view that between the 1960s and the 1980s there was a cultural civil war within the United States?
- 37** *(Candidates offering paper 5n: The Civil Rights Movement in the USA should not answer this question.)*
- Assess the claim that between 1945 and 2000 the United States resolved its racial tensions and became an integrated society.
- 38** To what extent have US politics in the twentieth century been shaped by Christian ideas and organisations?

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