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HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Component 2Q

Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

7041/2Q

Monday 20 May 2024

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

MATERIALS

For this paper you must have:

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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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.**

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SECTION A

Answer 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.

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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]

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 02 OR Question 03.

EITHER

02

‘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]

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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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