



AS 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.

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]**

OR

03

‘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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