

AS HISTORY

Wars and Welfare: Britain in Transition, 1906–1957

Component 2M Society in Crisis, 1906–1929

Tuesday 23 May 2017 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 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 7041/2M.
- 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.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a letter written by William Ormsby-Gore, the Conservative MP for Stafford, to Andrew Bonar Law, 17 October 1922.

I have just spent three weeks touring my constituency and the information I have gained is so significant and so unanimous that I feel I must let you know how the tide is running. I have only a Labour candidate against me but, far from the Coalition helping me against Labour, it is a real hindrance. The universal demand is for a steady sober Conservative administration with no adventures at home or abroad and the abolition of one man government and a return to older methods. To continue the Coalition – identical in the people's minds to the personal rule of Lloyd George – is to court disaster at the polls, and make the victory of Labour almost inevitable.

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Source B

From Stanley Baldwin's speech during the meeting of Conservative MPs at the Carlton Club in London, 19 October 1922.

The Prime Minister was described to me as a dynamic force, and I accept those words. He is a dynamic force, and it is from that very fact that our troubles, in my opinion, arise. A dynamic force is a very terrible thing; it may crush you. It is owing to that dynamic force, and that remarkable personality, that the Liberal Party, to which he formerly belonged, has been smashed to pieces; and it is my firm conviction that, in time, the same thing will happen to our party. I think that, if the coalition is continued, the old Conservative Party will be smashed to atoms and lost in ruins.

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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 why the Conservative Party broke from the coalition with Lloyd George in October 1922?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

0 2 'Britain was in economic decline in the years 1906 to 1914.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

0 3 'Labour became the largest single party in the 1929 General Election due to MacDonald's leadership in the years 1924 to 1929.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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