



AS HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Component 2Q Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

Tuesday 23 May 2023

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 7041/2Q.
- 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.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From the opening statement given by Senator John F Kennedy during the first televised Kennedy-Nixon presidential debate, to an audience of 66 million, 26 September 1960.

I should make it very clear that I am not satisfied with our progress. This is a great country, but I think it could be greater; and this is a powerful country, but I think it could be more powerful. I'm not satisfied when four million Americans wait every month for a government food package which averages five cents a day per individual. I'm not satisfied when the Soviets produce twice as many scientists and engineers as we do. I'm not satisfied when the USA had a lower rate of economic growth than our rivals last year. Economic growth means strength; it means we can sustain our defences and vitality; it means we're able to meet our commitments abroad.

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Source B

From 'The Making of the President, 1960' by Theodore White, a successful and renowned journalist. The book was published in 1961 and won a prestigious Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction.

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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 the reasons for Kennedy's victory in 1960?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The issue of race was the most significant factor dividing American society in the years 1945 to 1952.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

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'Eisenhower failed to deal with the domestic problems facing the USA.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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