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History

HIS2F

**Unit 2F Challenging British Dominance:
the Loss of the American Colonies, 1754–1783**

Friday 16 January 2009 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2F.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Adapted from the Order in Council (a government decree) on the reform of the customs service, 4 October 1763

5 With regard to the customs duties currently imposed on the American colonies, we see that the revenue arising from these is very small. It has not increased in proportion to the commerce of these colonies and is not enough to pay a quarter of the costs of collecting it. Both neglect and fraud have taken place, resulting in a loss of revenue, and also in the failure of the laws that force the colonies to trade only with Britain. All this comes at a time when the military forces defending these colonies require a large revenue to support them and when the vast increase in territory and population makes firm regulation of commerce more necessary than ever.

Source B This source has been removed for copyright reasons.

The source discussed how the end of the Seven Years War made the British realise that the American colonies were a key factor in the continuing rivalry with France and the importance of military occupation in defending British claims to territories surrounded by France and Spain.

Source C It was the Seven Years War that decisively shifted British government thinking. From the American perspective, the war was a lesson in imperial co-operation; locally-raised troops and British regulars had together defeated the French. From the British perspective, however, only the sending of substantial regular forces to America had brought victory against the French. This was because the colonists were such poor soldiers, and also because the various colonies were incapable of sinking their differences to combat the French threat. Some local legislatures had willingly responded to British demands for men or supplies, but others, in more remote colonies, had been less forthcoming.

Adapted from S CONWAY, *The War of American Independence, 1775–1783*, 1995

- (a) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to the reasons why the British government attempted to increase revenue from the American colonies. *(12 marks)*

- (b) Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was the deterioration of relations between Britain and her American colonies in the 1760s due to the impact of the Seven Years War? *(24 marks)*

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain why hostilities between Britain and France in North America broke out in 1754. *(12 marks)*
- (b) ‘Wolfe’s victory at Quebec in 1759 was the most important reason for Britain’s success in the French and Indian Wars in the years 1754 to 1763.’
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR

- 3 (a) Explain why the ‘Intolerable Acts’ of early 1774 provoked violent reaction in the American colonies. *(12 marks)*
- (b) ‘Foreign intervention in 1778 and beyond was the key factor in Britain’s loss of the American colonies.’
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source B:

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