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History

HIS2P

Unit 2P The Campaign for African-American Civil Rights in the USA, 1950–1968

Tuesday 22 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 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 HIS2P.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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.
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

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

Source A Adapted from a speech by Malcolm X in Detroit, in February 1965

The Klan is a cowardly bunch. It has perfected the art of making negroes afraid. As long as the negro is afraid, the Klan is safe. But the Klan itself is cowardly. One Klan member will never come after one of you. They all come together. They're scared of you. Since the federal government has shown that it isn't going to do
5 anything about the Klan but talk, then it is a duty, it's your duty and my duty as men, as human beings, it is our duty to our people, to organise ourselves and let the government know that if they don't stop that Klan, we'll stop it ourselves.

Source B Testifying before a US Senate Committee in the 1960s, former US Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach summed up the 'unique difficulty' in Mississippi and parts of Alabama and Louisiana of 'gathering information on fundamentally lawless activities'.
5 Ku Klux Klan activities had the sanction of local law enforcement agencies, political officials and a substantial segment of the white population. The murders of Medgar Evers, Viola Liuzzo and other Klan victims were initially helpful to the Klan. The Klan drew its membership almost exclusively from that resentful part of society that looked on physical resistance as the necessary and suitable expression of whites at a time of challenge. Violence swelled Klan ranks. There was also a wider pool of
10 supporters who saw the Klan as the only organisation that did anything to counter the black encroachment into their lives.

Adapted from D M CHALMERS, *Backfire: How the KKK helped the Civil Rights Movement*, 2003

Source C

Source C, a passage from Martin Luther King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.
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 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 Ku Klux Klan in the 1960s. (12 marks)

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 Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How important was Southern opposition in obstructing the advancement of Civil Rights in the years 1950 to 1963? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

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 Explain why the Plessy v Ferguson decision was undermined in the years 1950 to 1953.
(12 marks)

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 'US Presidents did little to advance Civil Rights in the years 1953 to 1963.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)

OR**Question 3**

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 Explain why there were race riots in major American cities in the years 1965 to 1967.
(12 marks)

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 'US politicians did little to improve the lives of urban blacks in the years 1964 to 1968.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)

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