

## AS HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

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

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Tuesday 22 May 2018

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** 02 **or** 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.

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**Source A**

From a speech delivered in the Senate by Mississippi Senator, James Eastland, 27 May 1954. Eastland was speaking after the Brown v Board of Education decision in the Supreme Court.

Segregation is not a badge of racial inferiority. Segregation is desired and supported by the vast majority of both races in the South, who live side by side under harmonious conditions.

We take pride in the constant advance the negro has made in the South. It is on social questions that Southern people draw the line and with these they will not permit the Supreme Court to interfere. 5

All free men have the right to associate exclusively with their own race, free from governmental interference. Free men have the right to send their children to schools of their own choosing, free from governmental interference. These rights are established in the Constitution and in the American system of government. 10

**Source B**

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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 problems faced by African-Americans advancing their civil rights in the mid-1950s?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

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

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**Either**

**0 2** 'The USA was a united country at the end of the Second World War.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'Kennedy's main aim in the 'New Frontier' was the ending of poverty.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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