



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
June 2009

History

HIS1M

Unit 1M USA, 1890–1945

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards

This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 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 HIS1M.
- Answer **two** questions.

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.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

0 1 Explain why the principle of 'Open Door' in trade was adopted in 1900. (12 marks)

0 2 How far was the growth of the American economy in the years 1890 to 1914 due to the rise of big business? (24 marks)

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0 3 Explain why the USA introduced the Volstead Act in 1919. (12 marks)

0 4 How successful was Prohibition in the years 1920 to 1930? (24 marks)

Question 3

0 5 Explain why Franklin D Roosevelt won the Presidential election of 1932. (12 marks)

0 6 How successful were New Deal measures in relieving the depression in rural areas in the years 1933 to 1941? (24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS