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History

HIS2S

Unit 2S Liberal Democracies: Power to the People?

Monday 23 January 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 HIS2S.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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.

Question 1

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

Source A By 1783 political changes were being made within the American states. The struggle with Britain had led to a distrust of central authority and, for the most part, Americans were reluctant to place much power in a national government. The United States remained a loose collection of individual states, without much in the way of a national government. Congress had its weaknesses, but it had waged a successful war and concluded an advantageous peace treaty with a powerful nation. The end of the war made a national government seem less important, and many continued to dislike the idea of a central government that would limit democratic government in state and local politics.

Adapted from M HEALE, *The American Revolution*, 1986

Source B Adapted from George Washington's letter to Lieutenant Colonel Tench Tilghman, 24 April 1783

It has been in the States themselves where the benefits of peace and independence, for which we fought and won, have been enjoyed and I am sure the States will continue to improve their constitutions. However, I am uneasy because Congress is so weak and I am concerned that it may not be able to deal with the problems we will face. If Congress is to be stronger, then the prejudices and jealousies of the States must end and the States must support the authority and sovereignty of the central government. In a word, the Constitution of Congress must be suitable for the general purposes of government and be able to bind us together. If not, ours will be a fragile unity and, in a short time, we may well be exploited by foreign powers and become the sport of European politics, as we argue amongst ourselves.

Source C **Source C**, a passage by J GARRATY regarding Shays' uprising, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.
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0 1

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 government of the American states under the Articles of Confederation. (12 marks)

0 2

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

How important was the desire for stronger central government as a reason for the calling of the Philadelphia Convention in May 1787? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

0 3 Explain why there was criticism of the parliamentary system in Britain in the years 1830 to 1832. *(12 marks)*

0 4 'It was events outside Parliament that were the main reason for the passing of the Great Reform Act in 1832.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR**Question 3**

0 5 Explain why Louis XVI summoned the Estates-General of May 1789. *(12 marks)*

0 6 'By the end of 1791 France had become a liberal-democratic state.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source A: M HEALE, *The American Revolution*, Methuen & Co., 1986

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