



AS HISTORY

America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1861

Paper 2J

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-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 **2J**.
- 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 AAnswer Question 01

Source A

Adapted from an article in the newspaper, the **Charleston Mercury** (South Carolina), entitled 'The Decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott Case, and its Tremendous Consequences', March 16th 1857

The Dred Scott decision, in a political party view, is the judgement that Congress has no power and can delegate no power over the question of slavery in the Territories. This decision, at a single blow, smashes the anti-slavery platform of the late great Northern Republican Party into atoms. The policy of legislating slavery out of Kansas and the other Territories of the Union by Congress will no longer avail them. Congress has no power in the Territories. That is settled. What was in doubt is in doubt no longer. The supreme law is expounded by the supreme authority and disobedience is rebellion, treason and revolution. The Republican Party henceforth must choose between submission and revolution – loyalty and treason.

Source B

Adapted from the book '**Historical and legal examination of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case**', by Thomas Hart Benton (anti-slavery Democrat), 1858

The Constitution was not made for the Territories and does not include them. It cannot be extended to them by law and, if it could, would be barren and fruitless without the ability to put it into operation. No law could be made under it to give any help to the slaveholder, either in recovering his property, if the slave ran away, or in bringing back for justice the fugitive felon that should steal it. In no one of these cases, nor in any other one which can be imagined, can any law be made under the Constitution to help the slave-owner, for every provision in that instrument which relates to slavery is confined to States.

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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 reaction to the Dred Scott decision?

[25 marks]

Section BAnswer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

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'Economic differences were the major cause of division between the North and South by 1850.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]**OR**

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'Bleeding Kansas' was the most significant event in the de-stabilisation of relations between the North and South in the years 1850 to 1856.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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