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## HISTORY

### Unit 1

#### Alternative L: United States' Foreign Policy, 1890–1991

HS1L

Wednesday 6 June 2007 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or 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 HS1L.
- 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 maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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

**Source A** Anti-imperialists like Mark Twain, William Jennings Bryan and Andrew Carnegie argued strongly against the annexation of the Philippines. They were disturbed that a war to free Cuba had led to an empire. Some critics quoted from the Declaration of Independence and argued that the  
5 United States could acquire trade and markets through peaceful means without having to conquer foreign lands.

Adapted from MB NORTON, *A People and a Nation*, 1994

**Source B**

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(a) Use **Source C** and your own knowledge.

Explain briefly the importance of 'unrestricted submarine warfare' (line 2) in the context of US foreign policy in the years 1914 to 1917. (3 marks)

(b) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how the views expressed in **Source B** challenge those of **Source A** about the annexation of the Philippines in 1898. (7 marks)

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

Explain the importance of US Presidents, in relation to other factors, in the rise of the USA as a world power in the years 1890 to 1920. (15 marks)

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**EITHER 2** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

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- (a) Explain briefly what is meant by 'Lend Lease' (line 3) in the context of US foreign policy in the years 1939 to 1941. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain why President Roosevelt signed a series of Neutrality Acts in the 1930s. *(7 marks)*
- (c) 'President Roosevelt's decision to take the USA into the Second World War in December 1941 was the most important turning point in US foreign policy in the years 1921 to 1945.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(15 marks)*

**OR 3** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

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- (a) Explain briefly what is meant by 'Star Wars' in the context of US foreign policy in the years 1983 to 1985. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain why there was a debate in the USA over military spending in the years 1985 to 1991. *(7 marks)*
- (c) 'In the years 1945 to 1991, relations between the Soviet Union and the USA grew steadily worse.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this opinion. *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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