

A-level HISTORY

Component 2Q The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Wednesday 3 June 2020 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/2Q.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a telegram sent by James Farmer, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) to President Kennedy, at the White House, 8 May 1963.

To the President.

The tactics of the Birmingham police appear to be aimed at intentionally provoking widescale violence. There can be no truce with the police if brutality and police lawlessness such as we witness in Birmingham continues. Even if the National Guard of Alabama succeed in quelling non-violent struggle in Birmingham, it will rise up again in place after place until such time as the President of the United States overcomes his fear of speaking out and decides to act forcefully to secure freedom of Negro Americans. 5

Politics have for too long controlled government actions on civil rights. No compromise with justice is possible. The demonstrations in Birmingham must continue until the rights of all American citizens are secured. I urge you to do more than watch and wait while American citizens struggle against the armed might of tyranny in Alabama. 10

Source B

From a televised speech by President Kennedy delivered from the White House, 11 June 1963.

We preach freedom around the world and we cherish our freedom here at home, but are we to say to the world that this is the land of the free except for the Negroes? Now the time has come for this Nation to fulfil its promise. The events in Birmingham and elsewhere have increased the cries for equality so that no city or State or legislative body can choose to ignore them. The fires of frustration and discord are burning in every city, North and South. Redress is sought on the streets, in demonstrations, parades and protests which create tensions and threaten violence. We face a moral crisis as a country and a people. It cannot be met by repressive police action. It is a time to act. Next week I shall ask Congress to make a commitment to the proposition that race has no place in American life or law. 5 10

Source C

From a speech by Malcolm X, delivered at King Solomon Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, 12 April 1964. Malcolm X had left the Nation of Islam around a month earlier.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying pressures for change from African-Americans in the years 1963/64.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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'The development of suburbs was the most significant social result of the growth of the American economy in the 1950s for the people of America.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 3**

To what extent did media attention contribute to the success of protest movements in the years 1965 to 1971?

[25 marks]**0 4**

To what extent was Reagan's victory in the 1980 Presidential election due to the failure of Carter's foreign policy?

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS****Copyright information**

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