

AS HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Component 2Q Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

Time allowed: 1 hour 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 7041/2Q.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 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.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech to the Women's Republican Club of Wheeling, West Virginia, by Joseph McCarthy, Senator for Wisconsin, 9 February 1950.

The reason we find ourselves powerless is not because the enemy has sent men to invade our shores, but rather because of the traitorous actions of those who have had all the benefits of the wealthiest nation on earth – the finest homes, college educations and government jobs that we can give. This gives you a picture of the type of individuals who have been helping to shape our foreign policy. In my opinion the State Department is thoroughly infested with communists. I have in my hand 57 cases of individuals who would appear to be either card-carrying members, or certainly loyal to the Communist Party, but who nevertheless are still helping to shape our foreign policy.

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Source B

From, 'Glory and the Dream: America 1932–1972' by William Manchester, published in 1974. Manchester was a journalist who reported for the newspaper, The Baltimore Sun.

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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 why Joseph McCarthy's accusations attracted support?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

0 2

'The strongest opposition to the Civil Rights movement, in the years 1952 to 1960, came from members of the Democratic Party.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'In the years 1958 to 1963, American Presidents were consistently outmanoeuvred in foreign affairs by Khrushchev.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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