

GCE
AS and A Level

History

AS exams 2009 onwards
A2 exams 2010 onwards

Unit 1M **Specimen question paper**

Version 1.1



HISTORY
Unit 1
USA, 1890–1945

HIS1M

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For this paper you must have:

- A 12-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 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 HIS1M.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period, in particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 36 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

1

- (a) Explain why the USA built the Panama Canal. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was the role of President McKinley in the development of American Imperialism in the years 1890 to 1920? *(24 marks)*

2

- (a) Why was Prohibition introduced in 1919? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was organised crime in the years 1920 to 1933? *(24 marks)*

3

- (a) Why did the stock market crash in 1929? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How far was President Roosevelt able to solve the economic problems of the USA by 1941? *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS