

A5: A Divided Union? The USA, 1941-80

Answer ONE question only from this section.
You must answer Part (a) and Part (b) of the question you choose.

9. (a) Part (a) of this question is about the work of President Kennedy and President Johnson in the 1960s. Read the extract below and then answer all the questions which follow.

“This nation was founded on the idea that all men are created equal. It ought to be possible for Americans of any colour to receive equal service in places like hotels, restaurants and theatres. Every American should be able to enjoy the privileges of being an American regardless of his race or colour.”

- (i) What was meant by ‘New Frontier’? (3)
- (ii) Why did President Kennedy face problems in his attempts to improve civil rights in the years 1961-63? (5)
- (iii) Why was President Johnson unable to build his ‘Great Society’ in the years 1963-1968? (5)
- (iv) In what ways did President Johnson improve civil rights in the years 1963-68? (7)

(Total marks: 20)

ESSAY QUESTION

(b) Part (b) of this question is about the fear of communism in the USA and the Watergate Scandal.

(i) Describe the main features of the Watergate Scandal in the USA. **(10)**

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

Spread of communism Korean War 1950-53 Hiss and Rosenberg cases McCarthyism
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(ii) Why was the fear of communism so strong in the USA in the years 1945-54? **(15)**

(Total marks: 25)

(Total for Part (a) and Part (b): 45 marks)

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If you have answered Question 9 do NOT answer Question 10.

10. (a) Part (a) of this question is about change in US society in the years 1941-80. The photograph shows a civil rights demonstration against segregation in the 1960s. Look at the photograph below and answer all the questions which follow.



- (i) What was meant by segregation? (3)
- (ii) What was the impact of the Second World War on the employment and status of women in the USA in the years to 1945? (5)
- (iii) Describe the key features of the student movement in the USA in the 1960s and 1970s. (5)
- (iv) Why did the women's movement develop in the USA in the 1960s and 1970s? (7)

(Total marks: 20)

ESSAY QUESTION

(b) Part (b) of this question is about civil rights in the USA in the years 1945-1970.

(i) In what ways did black Americans secure improved civil rights during the years 1945-63? **(15)**

(ii) Why was there increased racial tension in the USA in the years 1964-70? **(10)**

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

1954 Brown v Topeka
1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott
1957 Little Rock
1960s Freedom Riders

(Total marks: 25)

(Total for Part (a) and Part (b): 45 marks)