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HISTORY

The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

Component 1K From Civil War to World War, 1865–1920

Wednesday 17 May 2017   Afternoon   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 7041/1K.
* Answer **two** questions.
  In **Section A** answer Question 01.
  In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 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.

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Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

Progressives were concerned with the whole spectrum of abuses, inconsistencies and social problems facing the United States. These were related to poverty, disease, the concentration of economic power in a few hands and the industrial cycle of boom and slump. They were particularly concerned about political corruption, conservation of natural resources, slum conditions, crime, child labour, impure food, and vice, especially   5
in the great cities.

The first president to be markedly influenced by Progressive ideas was Theodore Roosevelt, and he was a leader of dynamic quality. He managed, in the Hepburn Act of 1906, to get the Interstate Commerce Commission established with effective control over railroad rates, thus setting a pattern of continuing Federal   10
administrative regulation in other areas.

Adapted from H C Allen, A History of the USA,1968

Extract B

What did most to create a climate favourable to Progressivism were the revelations of a group of journalists known as muckrakers. There had been earlier reports of social and economic evils, but what distinguished the muckrakers was that they reached a mass audience through cheap popular magazines. McClure's was the example of the muckraking magazine. In 1902 a series of articles by Lincoln Steffens, "The Shame of the   5
Cities", disclosed widespread corruption in American cities. This was followed by Ida M Tarbell's "History of the Standard Oil Company" a carefully documented assault on John D Rockefeller and his business methods. They and the authors of muckraking novels like Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* undoubtedly helped stir the American conscience.

Adapted from Maldwyn A Jones, The Limits of Liberty: American History, 1607–1992,1995

| 0 | 1 | With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of Progressivism?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'Reconstruction failed to bring equality to African-Americans in the years 1865 to 1877.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The development of the American economy in the years 1890 to 1914 was due to the open immigration policy of the United States.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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