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Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2010

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Answer **three** questions, each from a **different** section. Each question has several parts. For each question you choose, answer every part, **(a)**, **(b)**, and **(c)**.

Write the question number at the start of your answer to each question and each part of the question. Begin each question on a new page. Leave a few lines blank between your answer to each part of the question.

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Answer **three** questions **each** chosen from a **different** section.

Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000

- 1 (a) What was Populism up to 1896? [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of patronage in U.S. politics before 1933. [7]
- (c) 'The greatest domestic achievement of U.S. Presidents in the 1920s was a return to 'normalcy'.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 2 (a) What was the impact of McCarthyism (1950–54)? [5]
- (b) Explain why President Johnson introduced his idea of a Great Society. [7]
- (c) 'The Republican administrations from 1981 to 1993 were mostly unsuccessful in achieving their aims.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section B: Who are Americans?

- 3 (a) Describe the Homestead Act of 1862. [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of immigration on the labor market from 1860 to 1924. [7]
- (c) 'Labor unions failed to achieve their aims from 1918 to 1948.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

- 4 (a) Describe the methods used by the women's suffrage movement before 1920. [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of the Second World War on women's equality. [7]
- (c) 'The most important factor in the achievement of greater gender equality from 1960 was the *Roe v Wade* judgment on abortion rights.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

[Total: 20]

Section C: Economic and Social Change 1754–2000

- 5 (a) What was the 'banking revolution' in the U.S. economy before 1900? [5]
- (b) Explain why industry prospered after the Civil War. [7]
- (c) 'Progressivism was an economic and social success for all Americans.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

- 6 (a) Describe how different groups of people were affected by the Great Depression before 1933. [5]
- (b) Explain why there was a Great Crash in October 1929. [7]
- (c) 'The economic boom after the Second World War was mainly the result of technological developments.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

Section D: America and the World 1754–2010

- 7 (a) What was the importance of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803? [5]
- (b) Explain why U.S. relations with Mexico were difficult before 1853. [7]
- (c) 'The U.S. entered the First World War in 1917 because of submarine warfare.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**
- 8 (a) What were the main characteristics of U.S. foreign policy in the 1920s? [5]
- (b) Explain why relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. changed from 1949 to 1991. [7]
- (c) 'U.S. politicians exaggerated the threat of terrorism to world peace in the period from 2001 to 2010.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

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