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Paper 3 United States History Outlines, c. 1750-c. 2005

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer three questions, which must be chosen from at least two sections of the paper.

You are reminded of the need for analysis and critical evaluation in your answers to questions. You should also show, where appropriate, an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper are worth 30 marks.

The syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificate.







Section 1: c. 1750-c. 1820

- 1 Were matters of taxation the main reason for the deteriorating relationship between Britain and the American colonies before 1776?
- 2 How great were the intellectual achievements of the American Enlightenment?
- 3 To what extent do geographical factors account for Britain's defeat in the War of Independence?
- **4** Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the presidency of Jefferson.
- 5 What best explains changes in the extent of slavery in the period c. 1750–c. 1820?

Section 2: c. 1820-1865

- 6 How democratic was the presidency of Andrew Jackson?
- 7 'The acquisition of California was the most important achievement of US foreign policy in the period c. 1820 to 1861.' Do you agree?
- **8** What best explains the secession from the Union of the Southern States, 1860–1861?
- **9** How far was the defeat of the Confederacy due to its economic weakness?
- 10 What best explains Abraham Lincoln's victories in the presidential elections of 1860 and 1864?

Section 3: Themes c. 1750-c. 1900

- 11 'The disadvantages of westward expansion outweighed the benefits.' Did they?
- 12 Why were relations between Native Americans and the US government so poor in the nineteenth century?
- 13 How great was the impact of immigration on US society in the period c. 1840-c. 1920?
- 14 'Laissez-faire attitudes were central to the expansion of industry in the US in the period 1865–1914.' Discuss.
- 15 How strong was the Temperance movement in the nineteenth century?
- 16 What best explains the rapid development of the railway system in the nineteenth century?

Section 4: 1865-1914

- 17 'A complete failure.' Discuss this view of Reconstruction from 1865 to 1877.
- 18 Was the Populist movement anything more than a pressure group representing farming interests?
- 19 How great was US imperial power in the period c. 1880–1914?
- 20 'A missed opportunity.' How appropriate is this view of the domestic reforms of Theodore Roosevelt?
- 21 Was his policy of neutrality in the First World War the main reason why Woodrow Wilson won a second term as president in November 1916?

Section 5: 1914-1953

- 22 How extensive was social change in the US in the 1920s?
- 23 'The most important consequence of the Wall Street Crash was a fundamental change in the role of federal government.' Discuss with reference to the period 1929–1941.
- 24 To what extent was US foreign policy, in the period 1920–1941, one of 'isolation'?
- 25 'The Berlin Blockade was the greatest foreign policy challenge faced by President Truman.' Discuss.
- 26 What best explains the extent of support for McCarthy in the years 1947–1953?

Section 6: 1953-2012

- 27 How extensive was economic and social change during Eisenhower's presidency?
- 28 How successful was the United States in achieving its aims in foreign policy in the years 1953–1963?
- 29 'The Great Society was a great success.' Discuss this view of President Johnson's domestic policy.
- 30 'Despite his personal inadequacies, Nixon was a great president.' How valid is this judgement?
- 31 Which of Ronald Reagan and George H W Bush deserves the greater credit for helping to bring the Cold War to an end?
- **32** 'The partisan nature of national politics in the US explains the limited success of President Obama's first term in office.' Discuss.

Section 7: Themes c. 1900-2000

- 33 'It was only the participation of the US in world wars that brought about significant change in the role and status of women.' Discuss.
- 34 How much did the development of an 'imperial presidency' in the twentieth century owe to the Kennedy administration?
- 35 What best explains the social and political frustrations of the young in the US in the period c. 1960–c. 1980?
- 36 'Threats to the internal security of the country best explain the rise of a conservative culture in the US in the years 1968–2000.' Do they?
- 37 'Large-scale immigration weakened social cohesion and stability in the US in the period 1945–2000.' Did it?
- **38** 'The social and political influence of organised religion in the US in the twentieth century has been exaggerated.' Discuss.

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