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Paper 1 The Making of a Nation 1754–2010

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Choose **three** questions, each from a **different** section. Answer parts (a), (b), and (c) for each question that you choose.

**Section A: Government and the People 1754–2000**

- 1 (a) What was the response of colonists to British rule from 1754 to 1776? [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Second Party system in the development of American politics before 1860. [7]
- (c) “The Union fell apart because of the election of Lincoln as president.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

- 2 (a) Describe the main features of the Reconstruction period (1865–77). [5]
- (b) Explain the growth of Populism from 1867 to 1896. [7]
- (c) “The most important achievement of the Progressive Movement (1901 to 1920) was female suffrage.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

**Section B: Who Are Americans 1754–2000?**

- 3 (a) Describe the impact of slavery on the lives of African Americans before 1861. [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of the Harlem Renaissance to the development of American culture before 1945. [7]
- (c) “Martin Luther King’s role in helping African Americans gain civil rights has been greatly exaggerated.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

- 4 (a) Describe the outcome of the Indian Wars of the 1870s. [5]
- (b) Explain the impact of the policy of assimilation on Native Americans before 1945. [7]
- (c) “The achievements of the Red Power movement were very limited before 1980.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]
- [Total: 20]**

**Section C: Economic and Social Change 1754–2000**

- 5 (a) Describe the effects of industrialization on working and living conditions from 1877 to 1914. [5]
- (b) Explain why there was a consumer boom in the 1920s. [7]
- (c) “The New Deal was a failure.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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- 6 (a) Describe how industry developed in America from 1865 to 1914. [5]
- (b) Explain why there was a Great Crash in October 1929. [7]
- (c) “The most significant impact of the ‘information age’ was on the economy.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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**Section D: America and the World 1754–2010**

- 7 (a) What did America do to attempt to secure international peace in the inter-war period (1918 to 1939)? [5]
- (b) Explain the importance of America’s role during the Yalta and Potsdam conferences (1945). [7]
- (c) “The main aim of the Marshall Plan (1947) was to bring prosperity to Europe.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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- 8 (a) Describe the U.S.A.’s role in the Korean War (1950 to 1953) [5]
- (b) Explain why the U.S.A. got involved in Vietnam from 1954 to 1964. [7]
- (c) “The skill of President Kennedy was the main reason why the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962) was handled successfully.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. [8]

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