

AS HISTORY

The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

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

Wednesday 13 May 2020 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** Question 02 **or** Question 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.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

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Extract B

Almost 90% of African-Americans lived in the South in 1890. Throughout the country, African-Americans were victims of poverty, discrimination, violence and ignorance. Within America, they were a despised minority, believed by almost all whites to be inferior in every way and deserving of their fate. Violence against African-Americans was commonplace; the worst year being 1892 when 292 people were lynched. High wages in the North led to half a million African-Americans leaving the South between 1914 and 1919. The North responded with fear and anger. Segregation and oppression were commonplace. In 1917 riots broke out in 26 cities and, by the end of the decade, African-Americans were seen as invaders of white neighbourhoods. 5

Adapted from T Reeves, Twentieth-Century America, 2000

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of the experiences of African-Americans in the USA in the years 1890 to 1920?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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 'The failure of Radical Reconstruction, in the years 1865 to 1877, was due to the weaknesses of the Federal Government.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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 'US foreign policy remained isolationist throughout the years 1867 to 1902.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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