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

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SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 15 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: c.1750–c.1820

- 1 'Opposition to British rule in the Thirteen Colonies in the years 1763–1774 was motivated mainly by taxation.' Do you agree?
- 2 How important was European intervention to the outcome of the War of Independence?
- 3 'Fear of tyranny was the most important influence in the making of the Constitution of the United States.' Discuss.
- 4 Why were Anglo-US relations so strained in the period 1801–1825?
- 5 What best explains changes in the extent of slavery in the period c.1750–c.1820?

Section 2: c.1820–c.1865

- 6 How effective were the activities of abolitionists in the period c.1820–1860?
- 7 'The personality of President Jackson was the dominant feature of politics in the United States from 1829 to 1837.' Do you agree?
- 8 'John Brown's Raid was the most important cause of the breakdown in relations between North and South in the years 1859–1861.' Discuss.
- 9 What was Lincoln's most important quality as president?
- 10 'The disadvantages of westward expansion in the nineteenth century outweighed the benefits.' Did they?

Section 3: 1865–1921

- 11 'The Reconstruction period, 1865 to 1877, witnessed significant progress for African Americans.' Discuss.
- 12 'The main weakness of the Populist movement was a lack of effective leadership.' Discuss.
- 13 In what ways, if any, was the United States a 'great imperial power' by 1914?
- 14 How significant were the achievements of the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt?
- 15 Was his policy of neutrality in the First World War the main reason why Wilson won a second term as President in November 1916?

Section 4: 1914–1953

- 16 'Prosperous only on the surface.' How valid is this judgement on the United States in the 1920s?
- 17 How successful was the New Deal in addressing the economic problems of the USA?
- 18 'Air power was the most important contribution of the United States to the Second World War.' Discuss.
- 19 'The Berlin Blockade was the greatest foreign policy challenge faced by President Truman.' Discuss.
- 20 What best explains the extent of support for McCarthy in the years 1947–1953?

Section 5: 1953–2008

- 21 'Persistent misjudgement characterised the foreign policy of President Eisenhower.' Discuss.
- 22 'Unsuccessful in his domestic policy.' Discuss this judgement on President Kennedy.
- 23 Was the Tet Offensive of 1968 the turning point in the Vietnam War?
- 24 What best explains why Carter lost the presidential election of 1980?
- 25 Assess the view that the presidency of Clinton was one of limited achievement.

Section 6: Themes

- 26** Why were relations between Native Americans and the US government so poor?
- 27** What best explains hostility in the USA to immigration in the period c.1840–c.1920?
- 28** 'In the years 1848–1917 there was little significant change to the status of women in US society.' How valid is this judgement?
- 29** How far were developments in the arts in the USA in the twentieth century motivated by the desire to change society?
- 30** What best explains the rise of an imperial presidency in the period 1933–1974?

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