

AS HISTORY

America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1877

Component 2J The origins of the American Civil War, c1845–1861

Tuesday 23 May 2017

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 7041/2J.
- 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 AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech by James Henry Hammond, Senator for South Carolina, to the US Senate, 4 March 1858.

The South has sustained the North in great measure. You (the North) fetch and carry for us. One hundred and fifty million dollars of our money passes annually through your hands. It assists to keep your machinery together and in motion. Suppose we were to discharge you; suppose we were to take our business out of your hands; we should consign you to anarchy and poverty. You complain of the rule of the South; that has been the force that has preserved you in your affluence. We have kept the Government conservative to the great purposes of the Constitution. We have placed it, and kept it, upon the Constitution; and that has been the cause of your peace and prosperity. 5

Source B

From 'The Cotton Kingdom: a traveller's observations' by Frederick Law Olmsted, published in 1861. Olmsted was a Northern journalist who carried out research in the Southern states in the 1850s.

Let a man be absent from the North for twenty years, and he is struck, on his return, by the 'improvements' which we have made: better buildings, churches, schoolhouses, mills, railroads and much more. It is not difficult to see where the profits of our manufacturers and merchants are. But where will the returning traveller see the accumulated cotton profits of twenty years in the South? Ask the cotton-planter for them, and he will point not to libraries, churches, schoolhouses, mills, railroads or anything else; he will point to the increased number of slaves he owns and almost nothing else. The total increase in wealth of the southern population during the last twenty years shows for almost nothing. 5

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the economic issues affecting the Northern and Southern states?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

0 2 'The American Republic was politically stable in c1845.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

0 3 'The outcome of the 1856 Election was the most important reason for the rise of the Republican Party by 1858.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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