

AS HISTORY

The American Dream: reality and illusion, 1945–1980

Component 2Q Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945–1963

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 7041/2Q.
- 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 Fidel Castro's speech to the UN General Assembly, 26 September 1960. The speech was entitled 'The Problem of Cuba and its Revolutionary Policy'.

After 1898 began the new colonization of our country, which turned it from a Spanish colony into an American colony. What did the Revolution find when it came to power in Cuba in 1959? Public utilities, electricity and telephone services all belonged to the United States' monopolies. A major portion of the banking business, of the importing business and the oil refineries, the greater part of the sugar production, the best land in Cuba and the most important industries in all fields belonged to American companies. The balance of payments in the last ten years, from 1950 to 1960, had been favorable to the United States with regard to Cuba to the extent of one thousand million dollars.

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Source B

From a letter sent by President Kennedy to Chairman Khrushchev, 18 April 1961, during the Bay of Pigs invasion.

For months there has been growing resistance to the Castro dictatorship. More than 100 000 refugees have recently fled Cuba and their urgent hope is to assist their fellows in their struggle for freedom. Many of these refugees fought alongside Dr Castro against the Batista dictatorship; among them are leaders of his own original movement and government. These are unmistakable signs that Cubans find the denial of democratic liberties intolerable. I have previously stated that the United States intends no military intervention in Cuba. In the event of any military intervention by outside force we will immediately honor our obligations to protect this hemisphere against external aggression. The United States' government can take no action to restrain the spirit of liberty.

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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 relations between Cuba and the USA in the years 1960/61?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The Federal Government successfully dealt with the change from a wartime to a peacetime economy in the years 1945 to 1952.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Eisenhower failed to show strong leadership in his dealings with communist countries in the years 1953 to 1960.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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