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History

HIS2R

Unit 2R A Sixties Social Revolution? British Society, 1959–1975

Wednesday 20 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2R.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Adapted from an article in the Daily Mirror, Monday 30 March 1964.

Mods and Rockers, or the 'Wild Ones', invaded a seaside town yesterday – 1000 fighting, drinking, rampaging teenagers on scooters and motorcycles. By last night, after a day of riots and battles with police, ninety had been arrested. A desperate plea for help went out from police at Clacton as leather-jacketed youths and girls attacked people in the streets, turned over parked cars and fought with rival groups. Police reinforcements raced to the shattered resort, where fearful residents had locked themselves indoors. A hotel manager said: 'I've seen riots in South America but this was almost mob rule.'

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Source B In fact, most reports of the seaside violence in March 1964 were wildly exaggerated. Most of the teenagers at Clacton had not come to fight but to hang out, vaguely hoping they might meet some girls, and they were bored and aimless rather than crazed with bloodlust. Innocent families had not been trampled on the beaches. One mod recalled, 'There was a lot of running around, you were exhausted. You felt you were in a fight even if you hadn't been. There were a few slaps, a few got a good kicking. It wasn't much more than that.'

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Adapted from Dominic Sandbrook, 'White Heat': A History of Britain in the Swinging Sixties, 1964–1970, 2006

Source C In 1968, outside the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London, the British momentarily lost their peaceful reputation. Nina Fishman, a political activist, recalled, 'We were really having a go. That took everyone by surprise, because it wasn't good manners.' The British may have been the stars of the sixties cultural revolution but in the political upheaval, they were bystanders. For most of the decade, the pursuit of happiness kept British youths too occupied to get excited about serious politics. British police kept reserves of tear gas but never used it. Students, mostly, went to lectures and took exams. Apathy was the norm where politics seemed too much like hard work.

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Adapted from Gerard DeGroot, The Sixties Unplugged, 2008

0 1 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to the disturbances in Clacton in March 1964.

[12 marks]

and

0 2 Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far did British youth pose a major challenge to authority in the years 1959 to 1968?

[24 marks]

Either

Question 2

0 3 Explain why there was a growth in consumerism in the 1960s.

[12 marks]

and

0 4 'Growing prosperity transformed the lives of the working classes in the 1960s.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[24 marks]

or

Question 3

0 5 Explain why British governments passed laws restricting immigration in the 1960s.

[12 marks]

and

0 6 'Race relations in the years 1968 to 1975 were unaffected by Enoch Powell's "Rivers of Blood" speech.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[24 marks]

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