History
Advanced
Unit 3
Option C: The United States: Challenged and Transformed

Wednesday 16 June 2010 – Afternoon
Time: 2 hours

You must have:
Sources Insert (enclosed)

Instructions
• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• There are two sections in this question paper. Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B on the topic for which you have been prepared.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 70.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in ALL your responses – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Keep an eye on the time.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
SECTION A

Answer ONE question in Section A on the topic for which you have been prepared.

You should start the answer to your chosen question in Section A on page 3. Section B begins on page 11.

C1 – The United States, 1820–77: A Disunited Nation?

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1. ‘For the Southern states in the years up to 1860, the economic benefits of slavery outweighed the economic disadvantages.’ How far do you agree with this view?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2. How far do you agree with the view that the civil rights measures introduced during the Reconstruction period (1865–77) significantly improved the position of African-Americans?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

C2 – The United States, 1917–54: Boom, Bust and Recovery

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3. To what extent was the First World War the key factor in the US decision to restrict immigration in the years 1917–29?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4. How far do you agree with the view that McCarthyism had little impact on US society in the years 1950–54?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS
SECTION A

Put a cross in the box indicating the first question you have chosen to answer ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☐ and then put a cross in another box ☐.

Chosen Question Number:

Question 1 ☐  Question 2 ☐
Question 3 ☐  Question 4 ☐
SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B on the topic for which you have been prepared.

You should start the answer to your chosen question in Section B on page 13.

C1 – The United States, 1820–77: A Disunited Nation?

Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert.

Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

EITHER

5 Use Sources 1, 2 and 3 and your own knowledge.

’Abraham Lincoln’s election as President of the USA in 1860 made Southern Secession inevitable.’ How far do you agree with this opinion?

Explain your answer, using Sources 1, 2 and 3 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)

OR

6 Use Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.

How far do you agree that superior military leadership was the main factor explaining the North’s victory in the Civil War?

Explain your answer, using Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)
C2 – The United States, 1917–54: Boom, Bust and Recovery

Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert.
Answer EITHER Question 7 OR Question 8.

EITHER

7 Use Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge.

‘The USA was hit by the Great Depression in 1929 because of increasing restrictions on international trade.’ How far do you agree with this opinion?

Explain your answer, using Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)

OR

8 Use Sources 10, 11 and 12 and your own knowledge.

How far do you agree with the view that the USA’s economic recovery in the period January 1933 to December 1941 owed more to the development of a war economy than to the impact of the New Deal?

Explain your answer, using Sources 10, 11 and 12 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS
SECTION B

Put a cross in the box indicating the second question you have chosen to answer □.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box □ and then put a cross in another box □.

Chosen Question Number:

Question 5 □ Question 6 □
Question 7 □ Question 8 □