



AS HISTORY

Industrialisation and the people: Britain, c1783–1885

Component 1F The impact of industrialisation: Britain, c1783–1832

Wednesday 14 May 2025 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 7041/1F.
- 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 A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

The 1832 Reform Act was largely a reflection of the changes in the economic and social structure of Britain. The campaign for the Act was one way in which landed property and influence could be attacked by middle-class principles of free trade, competition and personal advancement and by working-class ambitions to end the tyranny of landowners. With the social and economic changes which had taken place since 1800, political change was bound to follow. But the actual pace of the coming of democracy was largely dictated by the situation at Westminster. The bill of 1832 only became a possibility when a period of political crisis followed the end of Liverpool's governments of 1812 to 1827.

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Adapted from DG Wright, *Democracy and Reform 1815–1885*, 1970

Extract B

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The extract is adapted from pages 17 – 18 of *The Great Reform Act Reconsidered* by Eric Evans, printed by History Sixth in 1988, ISSN 0951-4775.

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of the reasons for the Great Reform Act?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'In the years 1783 to 1812, Britain prospered more in peacetime than in wartime.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Lord Liverpool was a weak Prime Minister.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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