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You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

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 three sections in this question paper. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and the question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1 Was federal government intervention the main reason for improvements in black American civil rights in the years 1917–55?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

2 Was the influence of individual presidents the main reason for the changing political environment in the years 1917–45?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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SECTION A

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 How far do you agree that, in the years 1917–80, developments in popular culture had a positive impact on the USA?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 To what extent did the leisure and travel opportunities available to the American people improve in the years 1917–80?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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SECTION B

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Chosen question number: **Question 3** ☒ **Question 4** ☒

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SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

5 Historians have different views about the impact of the Reagan presidency on the USA in the years 1981–96. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that the Reagan presidency brought changes that 'were overwhelmingly for the good' [Extract 1, line 1]?

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From John Ehrman, *The Eighties: America in the Age of Reagan*, published 2005.

It is clear that the changes of the 1980s were overwhelmingly for the good. The increased competition brought renewed innovation, rising productivity, and most important, an adjustment in how people were rewarded for their labours. That some benefitted more than others should not obscure the major result, which for most people was greater fairness, and more choices. For most Americans, the 1980s was a time of rising living standards. Retail sales rose by a third from 1980 to 1988. The critics missed the point. The rise in consumption brought real benefits to the mass of ordinary Americans.

Reagan also proved conclusively that conservatives could govern effectively. On his highest-priority issues, such as reducing taxes, controlling inflation, encouraging growth and innovation, Reagan worked carefully, and was almost always successful. Reagan also shifted some of the basic assumptions about American politics, especially regarding taxes, the growth of federal programmes, and the role of the market. This shift also had an impact on the policies of the Democrats.

Extract 2: From Norman Lowe, *Mastering Modern World History*, third edition, published 1997.

Reaganomics, as the president's policies became known, benefitted the wealthy but increased the tax burden on the poor. At the same time Reagan reduced social programmes to help the poor. During Reagan's second term in office he was dogged by economic problems, disasters, scandals and controversies. A serious depression in the agricultural Midwest was accompanied by falling prices, falling government subsidies and a rise in unemployment.

In October 1987 a severe stock market crash occurred, brought on by the fact that the American economy was in serious trouble. There was a huge budget deficit, mainly because Reagan had more than doubled defence spending since 1981, while at the same time cutting taxes. During the period 1981 to 1987, the national debt more than doubled. The USA had the largest trading deficit of any leading industrialised country, and the economy was beginning to slow down as industry moved into recession. In spite of all this, Reagan somehow managed to retain his personal popularity.

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Extract 2 from: *Mastering Modern World History,* By Norman Lowe, © Palgrave Macmillan, September 2005