



AS HISTORY

Challenge and transformation: Britain, c1851–1964

Component 1G Victorian and Edwardian Britain, c1851–1914

Wednesday 17 May 2023 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 7041/1G.
- 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.

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Extract B

Many historians have tended to create an exaggerated impression of division and disunity in mid-Victorian liberalism. However, the common basis of liberalism is clear. Above all, the party was dedicated to the cause of free trade which many Liberals saw not merely as the key to economic prosperity but as a great moral good. In addition, Liberals advocated a range of constitutional, legal and religious reforms, which reflected their desire to restrict excessive privilege and to improve civil liberties for the individual. On this basis, it is clear that, by the 1860s, liberalism represented something coherent and distinct from conservatism. 5

Adapted from M Pugh, *The Making of Modern British Politics 1867–1939*, 1993

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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 Liberal Party in the years 1859 to 1868?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The social reform legislation of the years 1868 to 1880 demonstrated that self-help and laissez-faire were no longer important ideas.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'In the years 1900 to 1914, the strengths of the British economy outweighed the weaknesses.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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