



AS HISTORY

The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865–1975

Component 1K From Civil War to World War, 1865–1920

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 7041/1K.
- 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.

Extract A

From the turn of the century up to 1920, Americans of all backgrounds struggled with the idea of 'progress'. Middle and upper-class activists throughout the nation called themselves Progressives. They sought to strengthen the moral fibre of American society. And yet, African-Americans saw little progress. For all their fine words about political virtue, the Progressives mostly ignored the ugly legacies of slavery and many black people were left to work out their own solutions to the difficulties they faced. Progressives often failed to see that what was good for one group of people might be bad for another. Overall, the Progressive movement was divided about what constituted progress and the methods of obtaining it. 5

Adapted from Hoffman and Gjerde, Major Problems in American History, 2002

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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 Progressivism?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'Between 1868 and 1888, US presidents dealt effectively with corruption.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The expansion of the American economy, in the years 1890 to 1914, was due to the opening of foreign markets.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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