



A-level HISTORY

Component 1J The British Empire, c1857–1967

Wednesday 24 May 2023 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/1J.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Extract A

The expansion of the British Empire was fuelled by the Victorians' love of adventure and a desire for new knowledge. The interior of Africa held the most enticing mysteries left in the world. The public at home shared the thrill of discovery of the man on the spot. The Victorians loved a hero and imperial explorers and quarrelsome scientists filled this role. These men wrote long, and often dramatic, accounts of their experiences for their public and government at home to demonstrate the possibilities of these 'new' regions for the Empire. The possibilities seemed unlimited, as the new Victorian technology, the steamship, the telegraph and, above all, the railway, promised for the first time the real opening up of the interior of Africa to these explorers, and by extension to Britain. As a result of the explorers' discoveries, men began to 'think big' and planning was on a continent-wide scale for Britain's expanded rule.

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Adapted from ME Chamberlain, *The Scramble for Africa*, 2013

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the role and influence of individuals in the expansion of the British Empire in Africa in the years 1857 to 1890.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2 To what extent were British interests in southern Africa challenged in the years 1867 to 1902?
[25 marks]

0 3 'British colonial policy, in the years 1919 to 1939, was driven by Britain's economic needs.'
Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]

0 4 'The actions of nationalist leaders, in the years 1948 to 1967, were the main reason for the decolonisation of the British Empire after 1948.'
Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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