



A-level HISTORY

Component 2P The Transformation of China, 1936–1997

Friday 6 June 2025

Afternoon

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 7042/2P.
- 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 A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech to the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) by Lu Dingyi, May 1956. Lu Dingyi was the director of Mao's Propaganda Department.

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Source A shows Mao's motivations for launching the Hundred Flowers Campaign.

Source B

From a criticism published in the 'Shenyang Daily' newspaper, by Chang Po-Sheng, June 1957. Chang was a university professor and head of the Propaganda Department of the Communist Youth League.

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Source B shows why Mao changed the course of the Hundred Flowers campaign and launched the Anti-Rightist campaign.

Source C

From a memoir, 'No Wall Too High', by Xu Hongci, published in Britain, 2008. A former Communist Youth League member, Xu was imprisoned in labour camps but escaped to Mongolia.

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Source C shows the impact of the Anti-Rightist campaign on its victims.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying political developments in China in the years 1956/57.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2

‘Popular support was more important than military factors in bringing about the Communist victory in the Civil War by 1949.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

0 3

To what extent did the Chinese people benefit from the social policies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the years 1962 to 1966?

[25 marks]

0 4

‘Deng Xiaoping transformed agriculture and industry in the years 1978 to 1984.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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