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- 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
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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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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From George Tindall and David Shi, *America: A Narrative History*, published 2007.

What Ronald Reagan did accomplish was to redefine the national political agenda and accelerate the growth of conservatism that had been developing for over twenty years. Reagan's critics highlighted his lack of intellectual sophistication and his indifference to day-to-day administrative details. Yet he excelled as a leader because he was relentlessly optimistic about America's potential and totally committed to free enterprise, limited government, and strenuous anti-communism. His greatest successes were in renewing America's self-belief, bringing inflation under control, stimulating the longest sustained period of peacetime prosperity in history, negotiating the nuclear disarmament treaty, and helping to set off the process of democratic freedom in Eastern Europe. By redirecting the thrust of both domestic and foreign policy, Reagan put the fragmented Democratic Party on the defensive and forced conventional New Deal 'liberalism' into a panicked retreat. The fact that Reagan's tax policies widened the gap between the rich and poor and created huge budget deficits for future presidents to confront did not diminish the popularity of the Great Communicator.

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Extract 2: From Walter Williams, *Reaganism and the Death of Representative Democracy*, published 2003.

First, the economy surged so mightily in the 1990s despite, not because of, Reagan's anti-government approach and market fundamentalism*. Second, Reagan's new political view that dominated the last two decades of the twentieth century became a central factor in the severe deterioration of the federal government institutions after 1981 and became a major barrier to the reform of the American political system. Third, money politics prevailed, as members of Congress paid more attention to corporate America. Government for the wealthiest citizens and major corporations had replaced government for ordinary citizens. Finally, the declining capability of the institutions of government significantly increased the likelihood of developing unsound policies, mismanaging new and existing programs, and failing to achieve the nation's most important domestic policy goals.

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*market fundamentalism = belief in free markets and hostility to government intervention

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