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History Advanced Subsidiary PAPER 1: Breadth study with interpretations Option 1F: In search of the American dream: the USA, c1917–96														
You must have: Extracts Booklet (enclosed)										Total Marks				

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- 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
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- Good luck with your examination.

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SECTION A**Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.****EITHER**

- 1** Was government action the main reason for increasing affluence in the USA in the years 1941–69?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)**OR**

- 2** Was the influence of the black American civil rights campaign the main reason for gains made by other minority rights campaigners in the years 1960–80?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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SECTION B**Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.****EITHER**

- 3** To what extent did the impact of immigration on the USA change in the years 1917–80?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**OR**

- 4** How accurate is it to say that war was the most significant influence on the American political environment in the years 1917–80?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

- 5 Historians have different views about the impact of the Reagan presidency on the USA. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that Reagan's efforts to reduce big government were a success?

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS



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Advanced Subsidiary

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Extracts Booklet

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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From Vivienne Sanders, *Politics, Presidency and Society in the USA, 1968–2001*, published 2008.

Reagan moved the United States' economic policy in new directions, creating a political atmosphere where minimal government had become widely accepted. By this standard, Reagan was brilliantly successful at the beginning of his first term when he persuaded Congress to accept his budget cuts, a substantial tax reduction and a big increase in defence expenditure. Furthermore, he accomplished this with a Democrat House of Representatives. 5

This new consensus was that federal regulation was harming capitalism and competition. Reagan devolved some power to the states, and a certain amount of deregulation took place, although not as much as he wished. Reagan created a new way of thinking about government. Even Democrats came to accept Reagan's assumptions and had to admit that major new domestic expenditures were out of the question. This was partly because of Reagan's creation of the new way of thinking, and partly because he had left the federal budget in such a poor state. The electorate had also been effectively turned against taxation that was necessary. 10
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Extract 2: From Joseph R. Conlin, *The American Past: A Survey of American History, Volume II: Since 1865*, published 2009.

Reagan's economic policies were a windfall for the upper-middle class and very rich, who saw significant tax cuts. As government revenues dropped by \$131 billion, Reagan cut 37,000 federal jobs. He also reduced spending on education, medical research, food stamps for the poor, and other programs such as federal spending on low-income housing, which dropped from \$32 billion in 1980 to \$7 billion in 1988. The Republican Party's conservatives, including Reagan, had long argued that the big-spending Democrats would drive the government into bankruptcy. All the while, his administration borrowed and spent at levels that smashed all records. 20

As president, Reagan weakened the regulatory system in several ways. Consumer groups claimed that deregulated airlines routinely used unsafe planes and unqualified pilots. Similar criticisms were made of the condition of large trucks. Deregulation of financial institutions led to irresponsible and sometimes corrupt practices. More than a few stockbrokers turned to outright fraud in the absence of close supervision by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Corporate mergers and takeovers were approved at the expense of ordinary consumers. 25
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