

# GCSE (9–1) History B (Schools History Project)

**J411/39 The Making of America, 1789–1900  
with Living under Nazi Rule, 1933–1945**  
Sample Question Paper

## Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

**OCR supplied materials:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**Other materials required:**

- None

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Section A – The Making of America, 1789–1900: Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2, 3 and **either** question 4 **or** question 5.
- Section B – Living under Nazi Rule, 1933–1945: Answer questions 6 and 7, and **either** question 8 **or** question 9.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **8** pages.

**Section A****The Making of America, 1526–1900**

Answer questions 1 (a–c), 2 and 3.

- 1.
- (a) Name **one** of the states that were added to the USA between 1789 and 1838. [1]
- (b) Name **one** of the Indian wars fought between 1861 and 1876. [1]
- (c) Name **one** of the main industries that provided employment for large numbers of African-Americans in the south after 1877. [1]
2. Write a clear and organised summary that analyses the difficulties faced by early migrants on their journeys to Oregon and California in the 1840s and 1850s. Support your summary with examples. [9]
3. What was the impact of the Californian gold rush of 1848–1849? Support your answer with examples. [10]

Answer **either** question 4 **or** question 5.

- 4.\* How far do you agree that the building of railroads across the Plains was the main reason for the destruction of the Plains Indians' culture after 1877? Give reasons for your answer. [18]
- 5.\* "The period of Reconstruction from 1863 to 1877 was a time of progress for former slaves in America's southern states". How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [18]

**Section B****Living under Nazi Rule, 1933–1945**

Answer questions 6 and 7.

6. What can Source A tell us about Nazi propaganda? Use the source and your own knowledge to support your answer.

[7]

**Source A – An announcement in a German newspaper, 16 March 1934**

Attention! The Führer will be speaking on the radio. On Wednesday 21 March, the Führer is speaking on all German stations from 11am to 11.50am. The district Party headquarters have ordered that all factory owners, department stores, offices, shops, pubs and blocks of flats put up loudspeakers an hour before the broadcast of the Führer's speech so that the whole workforce and all national comrades can participate fully in the broadcast.

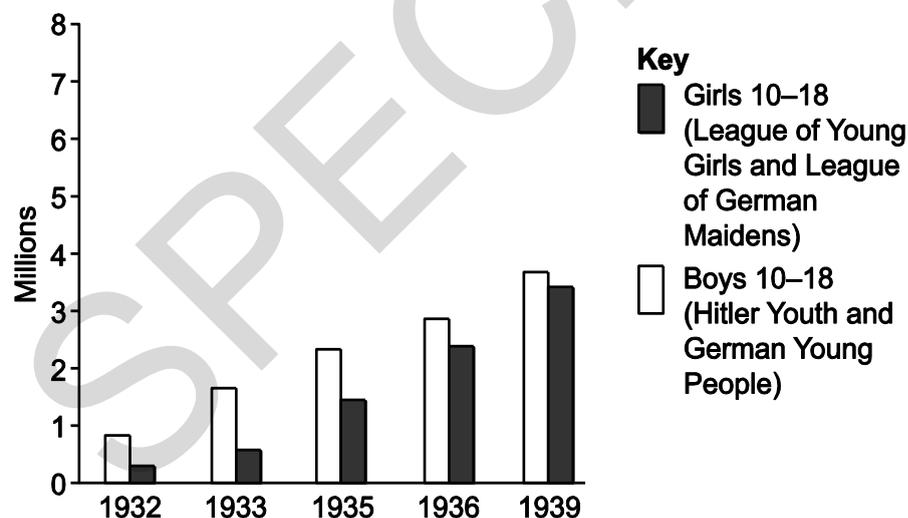
7. How useful are Interpretation B and Sources C and D for a historian studying the growth of Hitler Youth organisations between 1932 and 1939? In your answer, refer to the interpretation and the two sources as well as your own knowledge.

[15]

**Interpretation B – From *The Third Reich in Power* by Richard J Evans, 2006**

From July 1936 the Hitler Youth had an official monopoly on the provision of sports facilities and activities for all children below the age of fourteen; before long, it was the same for 14–18 year olds. In effect, sports facilities were no longer available to non-members. Hitler Youth members were given special days off school for their activities. The results of such pressure soon became apparent. By the end of 1933 there were 2.3 million boys and girls between the ages of ten and eighteen in the Hitler Youth organisation. By the end of 1935 this figure was approaching four million, and by the beginning of 1939 it had reached 8.7 million.

**Source C – Graph showing membership numbers of the Hitler Youth organisations, 1932–1939**



**Source D – Poster published by the Nazi government in Germany, 1938**

*The words on the poster mean: "Build youth hostels and homes".*



Answer **either** question 8 **or** question 9.

**8.\*** “There was little effective opposition to the Nazis”. How far do you agree with this view of Germany between 1933 and 1945?

**[18]**

**9.\*** “German occupation in the Second World War was, in general, far harsher in eastern Europe than in western Europe”. How far do you agree with this view?

**[18]**

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Source C: Data from Greg Lacey and Keith Shepherd, *Germany 1918–1945: A depth study: Student's Book (Discovering the Past for GCSE)*, pg 130, John Murray Publishers, London, 2002.

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