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Paper 2 Depth Study

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**1 hour 45 minutes**



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)  
Insert (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions on **one** Depth Study.
  - Depth Study A: Manifest Destiny and Early Expansion 1830–1880
  - Depth Study B: The Women’s Suffrage Movement 1866–1920
  - Depth Study C: The United States and the World 1880–1917
  - Depth Study D: American Society and Popular Culture c.1920–1970
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 45.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in parentheses [ ].
- The insert contains all the sources referred to in the questions.

This document has **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**Depth Study A: Manifest Destiny and Early Expansion 1830–1880**

Read the background information and then answer all the questions. Use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

**Background information**

Between 1830 and 1880 increasing numbers of people ventured west in search of a new place to settle. Their reasons for doing so varied greatly.

**1 Study Source A.**

What is the message of this source? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

**2 Study Source B.**

How useful is this source to a historian studying the reasons why the Mormons migrated west? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**3 Study Source C.**

How reliable is this source about the experiences of miners during the California Gold Rush? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**4 Study Sources D and E.**

Why do these sources differ in their attitude towards controlling land? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

**5 Study **all** the sources.**

“Settlement of the land was the main factor that drove westward expansion.” To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer using details from **all** the sources **and** your knowledge. [15]

[Total: 45]

**Depth Study B: The Women's Suffrage Movement 1866–1920**

Read the background information and then answer all the questions. Use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

**Background information**

The campaign for female suffrage before 1890 faced many obstacles. One of the major areas of concern was over the organization of the movement.

**6** Study Source A.

What can you learn from this source about the women's suffrage movement? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

**7** Study Source B.

How useful is this source to a historian studying the methods used by campaigners for female suffrage before 1890? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**8** Study Source C.

How reliable is this source as evidence of the division that took place in the suffrage movement in 1869? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**9** Study Sources D and E.

Why do these sources differ in the impression they give about how the suffrage movement should organize itself? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

**10** Study **all** the sources.

"Women were the main leaders of the suffrage movement between 1866 and 1890." To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer using details from **all** the sources **and** your knowledge. [15]

[Total: 45]

**Depth Study C: The United States and the World 1880–1917**

Read the background information and then answer all the questions. Use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

**Background information**

After 1890 the United States became more directly involved in relationships with other countries. The reasons for this increased contact varied.

**11 Study Source A.**

What is the message of the cartoon? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

**12 Study Source B.**

How useful is this source to a historian studying the involvement of the United States in China before 1900? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**13 Study Source C.**

How reliable is this source as evidence of the reaction of the US Government to the events of the Boxer Rebellion in China? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**14 Study Sources D and E.**

Why do these sources differ in their view of US foreign policy towards China? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

**15 Study **all** the sources.**

“The desire to increase its trade was the main reason why the United States wished to expand its influence in China in the late nineteenth century.” To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer using details from **all** the sources **and** your knowledge. [15]

[Total: 45]

**Depth Study D: American Society and Popular Culture c.1920–1970**

Read the background information and then answer all the questions. Use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

**Background information**

American society experienced change in the decades after the Second World War. While some Americans embraced the changes, others were more reluctant to do so.

**16 Study Source A.**

What is the message of this source? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

**17 Study Source B.**

How useful is this source to a historian studying attitudes towards immigrants in the United States during this period? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**18 Study Source C.**

How reliable is this source as evidence of the treatment of Native Americans in US society during this period? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

**19 Study Sources D and E.**

Why do these sources differ in their views about the role of women in American society? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

**20 Study all the sources.**

“The role of women was the greatest social concern in America between the 1940s and 1960s.”  
To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer using details from **all** the sources **and** your knowledge. [15]

[Total: 45]





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