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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Friday 23 May 2025

Morning (Time: 2 hours 15 minutes)

Paper reference **9HI0/1F**

History
Advanced
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.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 How accurate is it to say that, in the years 1917–41, there was a significant decline in the living standards of the American people?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 How accurate is it to say that new approaches to campaigning were the main reason for the success of the black American civil rights campaign in the years 1955–68?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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Chosen question number: Question 1 ☒ Question 2 ☒

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 How far do you agree that, in the years 1917–80, the most significant influence on domestic politics in the USA was the impact of war?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 How far do you agree that, in the years 1917–80, immigration and its impact on the USA changed significantly?

(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** In the light of differing interpretations, how convincing do you find the view that the economic policies of the Reagan government greatly benefitted the American people?

To explain your answer, analyse and evaluate the material in both extracts, using your own knowledge of the issues.

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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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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From John W Sloan, *The Reagan Effect: Economics and Presidential Leadership*, published 1999.

When Reagan took office the 'misery index' – the unemployment rate plus the inflation rate – was 20.7 per cent. When he left office, the 'misery index' was half that. After 1981–82, there followed an economic expansion that lasted until July 1990. Between 1982 and 1990, real disposable per capita income increased by 18 per cent, and 18.4 million new jobs had been created. In brief, Reagan's economic policies were successful in overcoming the economic difficulties of the 1970s and in providing the formula for sustainable economic growth. 5

The Reagan years were a period in which the rich got richer and the poor got richer. A tripling of the value of the stock market and a drop in interest rates by two-thirds produced jobs and benefits for the many, not just the few. The proportion of total tax receipts paid by the wealthiest 5 per cent of Americans went from 35 per cent in 1981 to 46 per cent in 1988. During the same period, the proportion of tax revenue contributed by the lower half of American earners dropped from 8 per cent to 6 per cent. Reagan's tax reforms also removed six million low-income families from paying income tax. 10 15

Extract 2: From Hugh Brogan, *The Longman History of the United States of America* (second edition), published 1999.

'The Reagan Revolution', as his fans called it, was not like previous attempts to restructure the United States, to rescue those who had been left behind from the selfishness and stupidity of the rich. Now the rich had a chance to strike back, and their attitude was chiefly aimed at reducing government.

Reagan had complete faith in his programme. Federal taxes were to be cut ruthlessly, to free the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people. The budget should be balanced, to stabilise the economy. Defence expenditure should be massively increased. The role of the federal government should be severely reduced by deregulation. 20

It did not take a genius to see that this program was contradictory. The huge military expenditures, the huge tax cuts, the huge outlays on unemployment benefits, and the failure to cut federal spending significantly meant that the deficit soared, from \$58 billion in 1979 to \$221 billion in 1986–87. The rich got richer and the poor got poorer. Investment slumped, especially in the country's infrastructure. In Reagan's second term, the dollar weakened, foreign investment began to leave the country, and there was a stock market crash in October 1987, which sliced \$500 billion from the value of shares. 25 30

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