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Paper 3 United States History Outlines, c.1750–c.2005

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2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: c.1750–c.1820

- 1 'Taxation best explains the increasingly strained relations between Britain and the Thirteen Colonies, 1763–1774.' Does it?
- 2 What best explains the increasing success of the colonial forces during the War of Independence, 1775–1783?
- 3 Were financial matters the dominant concern of the Federal government, 1789–1800?
- 4 Were US presidents more concerned with domestic or foreign policy in the years 1800 to 1825?
- 5 Why was slavery so entrenched in the South by c.1820?

Section 2: c.1820–c.1865

- 6 Why were opponents of slavery increasingly active in the period c.1820 to 1850?
- 7 How great an impact did the presidency of Jackson have on the US politics of his day?
- 8 What best explains support in the South for Secession in 1860–1861?
- 9 What best explains the Union victory in the Civil War, 1861–1865?
- 10 'The reasons for westward expansion from the 1850s were substantially different from those in the first half of the nineteenth century.' Were they?

Section 3: 1865–1921

- 11 Assess the reasons for the increasing opposition to Reconstruction, 1865–1877.
- 12 'The weakness of trade unions, c.1880–1914, was primarily the result of their association with socialism.' Do you agree?
- 13 Why did support for American imperialism grow in the USA, c.1880–1914?
- 14 How effective a president was Theodore Roosevelt?
- 15 'Wilson achieved more in his first than in his second term as president.' Discuss.

Section 4: 1914–1953

- 16 'The enterprise shown by business was the main reason for the economic boom of the 1920s.' Was it?
- 17 How beneficial was the New Deal for the USA, 1933–1941?
- 18 How effective was the foreign policy of the USA, 1920–1941, in promoting American interests?
- 19 What best explains US strategy in the Cold War, 1945–1953?
- 20 'His personality was the primary reason why McCarthy dominated US politics, 1947–1953.' Discuss.

Section 5: 1953–2008

- 21 'More characterised by failure than success.' Assess this view of the foreign policy of Eisenhower, 1953–1961.
- 22 How successful were Kennedy and Johnson in improving the lives of the poor in the USA in the period 1961 to 1969?
- 23 Why did it take so long for the USA to withdraw from Vietnam after 1968?
- 24 'A period of significant economic and social change.' Discuss this view of the presidency of Reagan.
- 25 What best explains the popularity of Clinton?

Section 6: Themes

- 26 What best explains the reactions of Native Americans to westward expansion in the nineteenth century?
- 27 'Opposition to immigration was based on its perceived threat to the American way of life.' Discuss, with reference to the period up to 1914.
- 28 Why was there so much controversy about the rights of women from 1848 to c.2000?
- 29 Assess the impact of the arts on society in **either** the first half **or** the second half of the twentieth century.
- 30 'Of all the ways by which the power of the presidency was checked, 1933–1974, the role of Congress was the most effective.' Discuss.

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