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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours 15 minutes)

Paper reference **8HI0/1F**

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.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Was an improvement in the cultural experience of Americans the main consequence of television in the years c1950–80?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 Was the growing affluence of ordinary Americans the main reason for changes in their leisure activities in the years 1945–80?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS



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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 How far do you agree that it was federal intervention which brought the most significant improvement to the civil rights of black Americans in the years 1933–68?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 How far do you agree that there was continuity in the ideas shaping the American political landscape 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 the Reagan presidency revitalised America in the years 1981–96?

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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 Gil Troy, *The Reagan Revolution: A Very Short Introduction*, published 2009.

Today, Reagan's legacy continues to shape American politics, diplomacy, culture, and economics. Although Bill Clinton condemned the greed and selfishness of the glitzy, heartless, Reaganite 1980s, Clinton's Democratic victory in 1992 helped restore Reagan's historical reputation. The fact that the Democrats embraced the booming 1990s made it harder to criticise Reagan Republicans for championing the booming 1980s. Similarly the economic growth of the 1990s made the once formidable Reagan-era budget deficits look less significant. 5

Reagan's revolution, restoration and rediscovery of what he claimed were true American values continued to shape the country. Americans were living in a Reaganised America. America had emerged as the world's only superpower, enjoying a capitalist resurgence at home and abroad. Reagan's conservatism continued to have influence in the courts, the Congress, and state capitals. Reagan revived Americans' traditional self-confidence, restoring their optimism about their country's future. 10 15

Extract 2: From Nigel Hamilton, *American Caesars: Lives of the US Presidents, from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush*, published 2011.

Reagan doubled the national debt in six years. Despite promises of 'no new taxes', the reality was they increased by more than \$80 billion per year. Unemployment averaged 7.7 per cent, compared with 6.4 per cent before 1980. US economic output had averaged only 2.6 per cent growth under Reagan, compared with 3 per cent before 1980. Meanwhile, federal government spending, far from being slashed as Reagan had promised, had risen to its highest level in relation to national output in American history. 20

Reagan's efforts to deregulate the economy, moreover, resulted in a Savings and Loan scandal that occurred in his second term. In due course this required \$200 billion in taxpayers' bailout funding, to compensate customers of failed and often fraudulent, unregulated American companies. The income of the poorest 20% of the population fell, while the income of the top 20% increased, hugely enlarging the gap between them. Furthermore, Reagan deliberately reversed previous efforts on environmental protection and energy conservation. There were also damaging revelations of Reagan administration wrongdoing in the Iran-Contra scandal. 25 30

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