
AS HISTORY

America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1861

Paper 2J

Specimen 2014

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2J**.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

Adapted from a speech to the Democratic Association, Washington DC, 3 March 1843, describing the attitudes of Northern Whigs to the South and Slavery.

There never was a period when the South was in so much danger as at this moment. To procure the abolition of slavery cast a vote for Henry Clay. We will show that the Whig party of the North, their leading presses, legislative bodies and statesmen, especially Henry Clay, have denounced the South, they have held up slavery as a crime, they have promised a speedy union to effect its overthrow with the Abolitionists, and have joined with them in holding up the South to strong public condemnation and reproach. The means used by this new coalition under Clay's leadership are to represent the people of the South to their sister states and to the world as disgraced and degraded by the institution of slavery, and as unworthy of Christian communion and social intercourse.

Source B

Adapted from Henry Clay's response to a petition from the Society of Friends in October 1842. The petition had requested that he emancipate his slaves.

I look upon slavery as a great evil, and deeply lament that we have derived it from the parental government, and from our ancestors. I wish every slave in the United States was in the country of his ancestors. But here they are, and the question is, how can they be best dealt with? If a state of nature existed, and we were about to lay the foundations of society, no man would be more strongly opposed than I should be, to incorporate the institution of slavery among its elements. Now, great as I acknowledge, in my opinion, the evils of slavery are, they are nothing, absolutely nothing, in comparison with the far greater evils which would inevitably flow from a sudden, general and indiscriminate emancipation.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining why there was sectional tension c1845?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

EITHER

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‘By the end of 1855 division between North and South was beyond repair.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘The election of a Republican President was the main reason for the outbreak of the Civil War.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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