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Paper 5 The History of the USA, c.1840–1968

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **Question 1**.

Section B

Answer any **three** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.
All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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SECTION A: THE ROAD TO SECESSION AND CIVIL WAR, 1846–61

You **must** answer Question 1.

THE ECONOMIC INTERPRETATION OF THE CIVIL WAR

- 1 Read the Sources and then answer the question.

When answering **Question 1**, candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the interpretation and evaluation of the Sources, both individually and as a group.

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Now answer the following question.

'The sectional conflict which led to the Civil War was about the clash of competing economic interests.' Using Sources A–E, discuss how far the evidence supports this explanation of the causes of the Civil War.

SECTION B

You must answer **three** questions from this section.

- 2 How far was the displacement of the Native American nations and the destruction of their way of life a consequence of deliberate government policy in the period 1840–1896?
- 3 How far was the battle of Gettysburg the key turning point of the Civil War?
- 4 Which of the three ‘Progressive’ Presidents was the most successful in tackling American social and economic problems in the period 1901–1917?
- 5 Why did it take so long to secure effective implementation of African-American civil rights in the period 1895–1968?
- 6 Which groups benefited the most and which the least from FDR’s New Deal policies in the period 1933–1941?
- 7 Why, in spite of its stated policy of neutrality, did the United States enter World War I?
- 8 How far is it correct to say there was a serious urban crisis in America in the 1960s?

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