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Paper 2 Defining Moments

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Insert

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional paper ask the test administrator for a continuation booklet.

This paper has two sections. Answer **all** the questions in **one** section:

Section A: The Revolutionary War, 1775–1783 (pages 2–3)

OR

Section B: The New Deal, 1933–1939 (pages 4–5)

Each section has two parts, Part A and Part B. You are advised to spend 1 hour answering Part A and 30 minutes answering Part B. The time allowed for the examination includes sufficient time to read all the sources and the questions for **one** section.

The number of points is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **5** printed pages and **3** blank pages.



Section A: The Revolutionary War, 1775–1783

Study the Background Information below and then answer **all** the questions. Use your knowledge to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

Background Information

The Revolutionary War was long and bloody. It was fought between British and rebel/patriot forces. The rebel/patriot forces included the Continental Army. There were some major battles and hundreds of smaller engagements. Both sides had victories and defeats. The quality of the soldiers and the skills of the officers involved were significant factors in deciding the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

Part A: Key Aspects of the Fighting

You are advised to spend 1 hour answering Questions 1 to 4.

1 Study Source A.

What happened during the Battle of Bunker Hill? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

2 Study Source B.

How reliable is this painting in showing the hardships endured by the Continental Army in Valley Forge, 1777? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

3 Study Source C.

Does this cartoon accurately show the main events of the Revolutionary War before 1782? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

4 Study Sources D and E.

To what extent do these sources show that the tactics of the British and the rebels/patriots in the South differed? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

Part B: The Armies

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on your answer.

5 Study Sources F and G.

“The Continental Army was better than the British Army.” How far do you agree? Use Sources F and G **and** your knowledge to explain your answer.

In addition to Sources F and G, you may use any of the Sources A to E to help you answer this question. [15]

[Total: 45]

Section B: The New Deal, 1933–1939

Study the Background Information below and then answer **all** the questions. Use your knowledge to help you interpret and evaluate the sources, as appropriate.

Background Information

The Great Depression had severe economic and social consequences. In campaigning for the presidency, F. D. Roosevelt promised a “New Deal” to solve the problems of unemployment and falling living standards by reviving the economy. His administration introduced many policies with varying degrees of success.

Part A: Did the New Deal help people?

You are advised to spend 1 hour answering Questions 6 to 9.

6 Study Source H.

What is the message of this photograph? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [6]

7 Study Source I.

Does this statement show that the problems faced by farmers had been resolved? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

8 Study Source J.

How useful is this picture as evidence for the effects of the New Deal on the workforce? Explain your answer using details from the source **and** your knowledge. [7]

9 Study Sources K and L.

To what extent are the claims made in Source L about the rights of workers contradicted by Source K? Explain your answer using details from the sources **and** your knowledge. [10]

Part B: An Assessment of the New Deal

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on your answer.

10 Study Sources M and N.

“The New Deal was a success.” How far do you agree? Use Sources M and N **and** your knowledge to explain your answer.

In addition to Sources M and N, you may use any of the Sources H to L to help you answer this question. [15]

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