

Section B Exam Questions

You have to do 2 essay questions out of 3

The mark for each question is 25 marks

*You have to give a **balanced argument** and come to a conclusion*

*You must make sure you **consistently link back** to the question and develop your analysis throughout the essay*

Truman

'The USA was a divided society in 1945.' Assess the validity of this view.

'In 1945 the USA, domestically, was stable and prosperous.' Assess the validity of this view.

'The success of the civil rights movement in the years 1947 to 1957 was dependent on the NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People].' Assess the validity of this view.

'Truman's foreign policy in the years 1945-1952 was a disastrous failure.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Truman's foreign policy was driven by his desire to preserve peace.' Assess the validity of this view.

'The Federal Government successfully dealt with the change from a wartime to a peacetime economy in the years 1945 to 1952.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Truman's failure to address African American civil rights effectively was a result of political pressure.' Assess the validity of this view.

Eisenhower

'McCarthyism had little effect on domestic policies in the USA in the years 1950 to 1954.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Eisenhower's dynamic conservatism had a positive impact on the USA.' Assess the validity of this view.

'During Eisenhower's presidency, American society was transformed.' Assess the validity of this view.

Eisenhower's foreign policy in Europe differed significantly from his foreign policy elsewhere in the world.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Eisenhower failed to show strong leadership in his dealings with communist countries in the years 1953 to 1960.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Eisenhower lived up to his 1952 promise of showing no weakness in foreign policy.' Assess the validity of this view.

Eisenhower achieved far less for African American civil rights in his presidency than Truman achieved before him.' Assess the validity of this view.

Kennedy

'The Kennedy Administration achieved more in domestic affairs in a 1000 days than Eisenhower's did between 1953 and 1960.' Assess the validity of this view.

To what extent did President Kennedy fulfil his election promises?

'Kennedy's main aim in the 'New Frontier' was the ending of poverty.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Kennedy's foreign policy promised far more than it delivered.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Kennedy failed to live up to his promises regarding civil rights.' Assess the validity of this view.

Kennedy's achievements were outweighed by his mistakes.' Assess the validity of this view.

Johnson

'The Great Society' failed. Assess the validity of this view.

'Johnson's handling of the Vietnam war was disastrous.' Assess the validity of this view.

To what extent did Johnson's civil rights legislation meet the demands of the Civil Rights Movement?

'The media was responsible for the growth in protest movements in the 1960's.' Assess the validity of this view.

Nixon

'The Democrats lost the 1968 presidential election more than Richard Nixon won it.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Nixon was successful in tackling domestic problems during his presidency.' Assess the validity of this

'Richard Nixon's conservative social policies were the main reason for his popularity.' Assess the validity of this view.

To what extent was the Vietnam war significant in eroding US power internationally?

'Watergate overshadowed all of Nixon's other achievements in politics.' Assess the validity of this view.

Ford and Carter

To what extent was the American Dream over by 1980?

'Carter's foreign policy was ruined by his caution.' Assess the validity of this view.

To what extent were the presidencies of Ford and Carter disastrous for the USA at home and abroad?

'The main problems facing African-Americans after 1974 were economic rather than political.' Assess the validity of this view.

'The fracturing of the black Civil Rights Movement was due to the progress made between 1950 and 1965.' Assess the validity of this view.

'Reagan's electoral promises were far more closely aligned to the American Dream than those of any other previous president.' Assess the validity of this view.