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PAPER 3: Thematic Study with Source Evaluation

Option 1A: The USA, Independence to Civil War, 1763–1865

You must have:

Sources 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.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- 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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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

EITHER

- 2** 'Resolving the issue of slavery was the main obstacle to the successful development of a new American nation in the years 1775–91.'

How far do you agree with this judgement?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** 'The most important event that contributed to increasing political tensions, in the years 1828–37 and 1850–61, was the Lincoln-Douglas debates.'

How far do you agree with this judgement?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

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Chosen question number: **Question 2** **Question 3**

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source 1: From an article published in a New York newspaper, 4 July 1863. This article was written by a journalist who had been an eyewitness to the battle of Gettysburg. It was sent to the newspaper immediately after the battle had ended.

One of the most furious contests of the war was fought yesterday, near Gettysburg, resulting in a decisive victory for the Union forces. All agree that in no other battle of the war has so much courage and discipline been shown by all our Union troops engaged in this destructive encounter.

With a joy and gratitude that have seen no equal since the war began, we announce the complete, overwhelming, magnificent victory of the Union Army of the Potomac, over all the Rebel forces of General Lee. This Union Army has, up to now, been largely inactive, focusing on defensive tactics. It has at last splendidly shown, not merely its courage, but its clear superiority to the enemy forces. In this, the most bloody conflict of the war, the Union Army has won the most decisive success. Our American Republic, whom the courage of this army preserves, praises its living heroes and mourns the gallant dead who died that the nation might live. 5 10

Out of the darkness of the civil war a new day has dawned. Battles are yet to be fought. General Lee has been defeated but not yet annihilated and the remains of Rebellion everywhere are still to be crushed under foot. But we believe the beginning of the end is come. The military power of the Rebellion has received a blow from which it can never recover. Let the Nation which is thus rescued unite in thanks and praise to the God of Battles, who is on the side of Justice, Humanity and Freedom. 15 20



Source 2: From a speech made by Abraham Lincoln, 19 November 1863. The speech has come to be known as 'The Gettysburg Address'.

Four score and seven years ago our founding fathers brought forth a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the idea that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, can survive. We are met on the great battlefield of Gettysburg of that war. We have come to preserve a portion of that battlefield, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. 25

But, in a larger sense, we cannot consecrate this ground. It is the brave men, living and dead, who fought here, who have consecrated it by their actions. The world will pay little attention, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, to be committed here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to remain committed to the great task remaining before us, namely that we devote ourselves to that cause for which they gave their lives. We must ensure that they shall not have died in vain. 30 35

We must ensure that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



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Source 1 from: <https://www.battlefields.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/Gettysburg%20New%20York%20Tribune%20Transcript.pdf>

Source 2 from: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.24404500/?st=text>

