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US HISTORY TO 1877

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Paper 1 Historical Sources

For examination from 2027

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 15 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **one** question.

The American Civil War and Reconstruction, 1846–77

- 1 Read the sources and then answer **both** parts of the question.

Source A

The women of New York have suffered the most from the general collapse of business brought about by the war. Those who earned their livelihood in industrial occupations have been thrown out of employment in large numbers by employers who wish to economize due to these hard times. Probably not less than twenty-five thousand of the working women of New York have thus been thrown out of employment during the past few months and many are now on the brink of ruin, strongly tempted by their own necessities to plunge into vice and crime.

We would suggest employing women in the various appropriate pursuits from which they are now all but excluded, as shopwomen, accountants, clerks, and waitresses, and thus to permit the young fellows now engaged in these light pursuits to go off and acquire in the army that muscle, courage, and manliness which they will never get in their current positions.

From *The New York Times*, August 1861.

Source B

Soldiers' wives made an attack on several of our businessmen, demanding a reduction in prices, or forcibly taking possession of the goods they required. It is said there are many families in this town and vicinity who have not tasted meat for weeks, and sometimes, months together. They have had no butter, molasses, or sugar and the scarcity and high price of potatoes, peas, and beans are rendering it extremely difficult, if at all possible, to obtain these articles. Bread is the only thing they could provide for themselves within their limited means. All must work and make do with as little as possible. Our soldiers in the field are often reduced to half and even quarter rations. Let us at home persevere as they do. Let us not fall to devouring each other by mobs, dishonoring the memory of those who have so nobly fallen in our defense.

From the *Carolina Watchman*, North Carolina, March 1863.

Source C



A cartoon titled “Sowing and Reaping,” *Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*, New York, May 1863. The captions read on the left “Southern women hounding their men on to rebellion,” and on the right “Southern women feeling the effects of rebellion, and creating bread riots.”

Source D

The spirit and courage displayed by the women of the Confederacy in the presence of danger and death are worthy of the heroic race to which they belong. It is no idle boast to say that if there were not men enough to fight our battles, the mothers, wives, and daughters would take the place of the fallen brave. But whilst such an event is not probable, it would be well for every Southern woman to provide herself with the protection of a revolver, or some defensive weapon, to keep at bay criminals who are inconsiderate of anyone’s safety but their own. It often happens that our Southern ladies are exposed to the insults and violence of the brutes who are invading us, with no male protection at hand, and in that event they ought never to be without some efficient means of defense.

From the *Richmond Daily Dispatch*, Virginia, March 1864.

Answer **both** parts of the question with reference to the sources.

(a) Read Sources **B** and **C**.

Compare these two sources as evidence about the behavior of women during the Civil War.

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(b) Read **all** the sources.

“Food shortages were the most significant problem faced by civilians during the Civil War.”

How far do the sources support this view?

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