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US HISTORY SINCE 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 Gilded Age and Progressive Era

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

Source A

Today the attitude of the Southern whites toward the blacks is not the same. Some argue that the ignorant Southerner hates black Americans, the workingmen fear his competition and the money-makers want him as a laborer. Some of the educated see his upward development as a threat, while others – usually the sons of the masters – wish to help him to rise. National opinion has enabled this last class to maintain black Americans in common schools, and to protect them partially in property, life, and limb. Through the pressure of the money-makers, black Americans are in danger of being reduced to semi-slavery. The workingmen, and those of the educated who fear black people, have united to stop him from voting, and some have urged his deportation. The passions of the ignorant are easily aroused to lynch and abuse any black man. By every peaceful method, we must fight for the rights given to men, clinging to the great words of the Founders: “All men are created equal.”

From *The Souls of Black Folk*, written by African American activist W.E.B. Du Bois, 1903.

Source B

There can be no doubt that a wave of color hysteria is sweeping over the country. The road of the black man or woman who hopes to better themselves becomes more and more difficult. He is abused for his background and the types of people he associates with. Let him speak to rise above them, and what happens? For years he has been told that if he acquires property, and buys himself a house, all will be well with him and his family and he may be assured that his children will have good associations, pure air, and clean streets. However, if he buys a house in a section of a city, whether it be New York, Seattle, Baltimore, or Richmond, he is attacked as if his presence there means the bringing in of a sickness worse than leprosy, and the laws are invoked against him.

From the *Birmingham Age-Herald*, Alabama, March 1911.

Source C



Photograph of an African American social club ball in New York City, published in *The Crisis*, the official magazine of the activist organization the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, March 1914.

Source D

A Southern professor has reported that in the Southern states, there are today no points of social contact whatever where the two races meet and exchange ideas. Separate schools, separate churches, separate telephones, the “Jim Crow” car, restriction of ballot, not to mention violent anti-black political agitation in at least two of the States, have produced a split of the two races without a parallel. Everywhere throughout the South, despite physical contact in a business way, the two peoples live and move in totally different worlds of thought and feeling. The effect of this social isolation is of the greatest importance to the white as well as the black man. Closing the door of equality of opportunity to black Americans and their persistent intellectual and moral poverty must, in the end, have impacts upon the civilization of the white.

From *The New York Times*, January 1915.

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

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

Compare these two sources as evidence about attitudes toward African Americans in the early twentieth century. [15]

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

“The position of African Americans improved during the Progressive Era.” How far do the sources support this view? [25]

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