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**US HISTORY SINCE 1877**

**8102/02**

Paper 2 Outline Study

**For examination from 2027**

SPECIMEN PAPER

**1 hour 45 minutes**



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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This document has **2** pages.

Answer **two** questions.

Answer **both** parts of the questions you have chosen.

**1 American Imperialism, the First World War, and the 1920s**

- (a) Explain why there was a rise in organized crime during the 1920s. [10]
- (b) To what extent was the policy of imperialism popular in the US during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? [20]

**2 The Great Depression, the Second World War, and the Early Cold War**

- (a) Explain why the 1950s witnessed a trend of rebellion among young people. [10]
- (b) "Opposition to the New Deal was ineffective." How far do you agree with this view? [20]

**3 The Development of the US in the 1960s and 1970s**

- (a) Explain why there was a growth in feminism during the 1960s and 1970s. [10]
- (b) How far was the policy of détente successful between 1972 and the end of 1979? [20]

**4 The Modern US, 1980–2008**

- (a) Explain why President George W. Bush launched the War on Terror. [10]
- (b) "Reaganomics was successful in solving the problems that faced the US economy during the 1980s." To what extent do you agree with this view? [20]

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