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Paper 3: Thematic Study with Source Evaluation

Option 1D: Civil Rights and Race Relations in the USA, 1865–2009

Friday 9 June 2017 – Morning

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

WHI03/1D

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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SECTION A

Answer Question 1. Write your answer in the space provided.

Study Sources 1 and 2 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

- 1** How far could the historian make use of Sources 1 and 2 together to investigate the reasons for Barack Obama's victory in the 2008 presidential election?

Explain your answer using both sources, the information given about them and your own knowledge of the historical context.

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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** 'The influence of southern Democrats was successful in preventing the advancement of civil rights in the years 1865–77 and 1933–45.'

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** 'The influence of individual campaigners explains the advances made in civil rights by black Americans in the years 1883–c1900 and 1954–68'

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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

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Sources for use with SECTION A.

Source 1: From *The Sunday Telegraph*, a British newspaper, published on 5 November 2008. The article was written by Tim Shipman in Washington DC. Shipman was the Sunday Telegraph's American correspondent in the years 2007–09. This article was written the day after Obama's election.

Obama's triumph was that he made himself credible and gave sceptics an excuse to believe again in politics and that he gave African Americans a chance to believe in their own potential. But more than that, he ran a campaign that was defined so little by race that he allowed white people to share the dream. What always separated Obama from the rest was the vast scale of the enthusiasm he unleashed. Black Americans did not believe he could win and only threw their support behind him when he proved that white America was prepared to accept him. Then they came out in their thousands. Throughout, Obama remained calm. He never played the angry black man and he successfully distanced himself from those with more extreme views. 5 10

Throughout the turmoil of the financial crisis, he retained an unnatural calm. Where his Republican opponent, John McCain, was impulsive, Obama seemed presidential and detached. Obama was lucky too, the right candidate for an age that was weary of the Iraq war and President George W Bush's brand of conservatism. 15

The second major reason he won is that he built perhaps the most formidable campaign organisation in US political history. It was the dedication and discipline of his campaigners on the ground that helped him over the line in states like Florida and Ohio. If the promise of change is what ran up the vote in Democratic states it was the tough grind of doorstep work which ultimately won it elsewhere. 20

Source 2: From an article written by Patrick James on 7 November 2008. James is a Professor of International Relations at the University of Southern California and an expert on American foreign policy and US politics.

The Obama campaign did almost everything imaginable right. It was one of the most confidently executed campaigns I've ever seen. He is a very alive and adaptable thinker, and I just think they ran about as good a campaign as they could. If he had made the mistakes McCain did, he would have been doomed. 25

Over in McCain's camp it was almost a perfect storm of mistakes. People are questioning and saying how could he have picked Sarah Palin as his running mate? That's where he went wrong. However McCain was in a desperate position with those on the Republican right, who have strong influence over the Republican base, heavily criticising him. That put him in a terrible position. He was doomed with the Republican right. They were not going to campaign for him. That lack of support guided McCain's vice-presidential choice. He was forced to pick Palin or somebody similar to her. 30

McCain made one other major error. He had a tremendous opportunity when Obama gave in to Wall Street pressure on the bailout bill*. Obama, George W Bush and Congress were all saying the same thing. Here's what McCain did terribly wrong. He's in this situation where he's many points behind and needs to differentiate himself. The bailout is incredibly unpopular, Bush is supporting it and so is Obama – McCain could have gained votes by opposing it. That could have had an enormous effect. That was his chance, his golden opportunity. McCain had lousy political instincts. He made bad choices, including floundering around with attack advertisements, trying to please the Republican base. None of it worked. 35
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*bailout bill – the financial rescue of American banks during the 2008 crisis

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