

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2J America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1877**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2J America: A Nation Divided, c1845–1877**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2J**.

Part one: the origins of the American Civil War, c1845–1861

Section one: North and South in c1845

- The legacy of the past: the Missouri Compromise; the Nullification Crisis; southern fears of modernisation; the moving frontier

Section two: Attempts to maintain the Union, c1845–1854

- Westward expansion and its impact on North and South: the ideas of Manifest Destiny; controversy over the new territories acquired by victory over Mexico
- Attempts at political compromise: the Wilmot Proviso; the role of personalities such as Zachary Taylor, Stephen Douglas and Henry Clay; the Compromise of 1850; Texas and California; the Fugitive Slave Law

Section three: The outbreak of Civil War, 1854–1861

- The emergence of the Republican Party: the political impact of the controversy over the Kansas-Nebraska Act; the spread of Republican parties across northern states; the elections of 1856; key personalities including Lincoln, Seward and Chase
- Hardening of positions: the Dred Scott decision; the Lincoln-Douglas debates; Harper's Ferry; local conflicts; the split in the Democratic Party
- The drive for secession of the South: the presidential election of 1860; southern political leaders and proclamation of the Confederacy; outbreak of hostilities

Part two: Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877

Section four: The War, 1861–1865

- The course of the Civil War: military campaigns; the reasons for the final defeat of the Confederacy
- The United States at the end of the Civil War: the costs of war for the South; the costs of war for the North; the prospects for reconciliation

Section five: Early Reconstruction, 1865–1867

- The Fourteenth Amendment: Thaddeus Stevens; Radical republicans; the struggle to pass the amendment; the Reconstruction Acts
- The presidency of Andrew Johnson: personality and aims; conflicts with Congress; break with the Republicans; impeachment

Section six: Radical Reconstruction, 1867–1877

- The presidency: the election of 1868 and Andrew Johnson's Christmas amnesty; the aims and policies of Ulysses Grant; personalities; policies; conflicts with Congress

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