



A-level HISTORY

The British Empire, c1857–1967

Paper 1J

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **1J**.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the other questions answered.
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Section A

Answer Question 01

Extract A

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Extract B

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Extract C

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the impact of the Suez crisis on Britain's role as an imperial power in the years after the Second World War.

[30 marks]

Section BAnswer **two** questions

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‘British rule in India combined self-interest with an arrogant attitude of racial superiority towards the native population.’

Assess the validity of this view with reference to the years 1857 to c1900.

[25 marks]**0 3**

‘The consolidation and expansion of the British Empire in Africa between c1890 and 1914 owed more to the ambitions of key individuals than to economics.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 4**

‘The end of the First World War unleashed anti-imperialist national movements that successive British governments were unable to understand or to control.’

Assess the validity of this view with reference to the years 1919 to 1939.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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