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**A-level
HISTORY**

**Component 2Q The American Dream:
reality and illusion,
1945–1980**

7042/2Q

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

For this paper you must have:
• **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- **Use black ink or black ball-point pen.**
- **Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The PAPER REFERENCE is 7042/2Q.**
- **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:**
 - **1 hour on Question 01 from SECTION A**
 - **45 minutes on each of the TWO questions answered from SECTION B.**

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SECTION A

Answer Question 01.

SOURCE A

From a TV election broadcast by Jimmy Carter, shown nationwide prior to the presidential election, 1976. Carter was shown against a background of images of the USA.

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SOURCE B

From the autobiography, ‘A Time to Heal’, by Gerald Ford, published in 1979.

I failed to anticipate the vehemence of the hostile reaction to my decision to pardon Nixon. What I had intended to convince my fellow citizens was necessary surgery, essential if we were to heal our wounded nation, was being attacked as a secret deal that I had worked out with Nixon before he had resigned. Nixon, in my opinion, had already suffered enormously. His resignation was an implicit admission of guilt. But I wasn’t motivated primarily by sympathy for his plight. It was the state of the country that worried me. The entire process would no doubt require years. He would be fighting for his

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**freedom and his constant struggle
would have dominated the news. No 20
other issue could compete with the
drama of a former President trying to
stay out of jail. Passions on both
sides would be aroused. A period of
such prolonged bitter and abusive 25
debate would be disastrous for the
nation. America needed recovery,
not revenge. The hate had to be
drained and the healing begun.**

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SOURCE C

From a New York Times article, 'Carter Now Faces the Problem of Making Good on Promises', 15 November 1976. The New York Times was sympathetic to the Democrats.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying Carter and Ford and the election of 1976. [30 marks]

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SECTION B

Answer TWO questions.

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‘The United States became a more divided nation under Truman.’

**Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]**

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‘Kennedy’s greatest mistakes were in his appointments rather than in his policies.’

**Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]**

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**To what extent were US military mistakes responsible for US failures in the Vietnam War in the years 1964 to 1968?
[25 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS

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