

A-level HISTORY

Component 2P The Transformation of China, 1936–1997

Friday 9 June 2023

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/2P.
- 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**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From an interview with Jing Shenghong, an eminent Chinese historian, in China, in 2006. Jing describes events at Nanjing University on 3 June 1966, where he had been a student.

Several professors were criticised at first. Among them was Professor Lin from the Philosophy department, Professor Hu from the Chinese Literature department and Professor Su from the Foreign Language department. All these professors were in their thirties. It was believed they were the masterminds of a poster campaign criticising the authority of the Party. After criticising the professors, the students started to criticise other groups. That was the first time I participated in such a session. If someone was selected as a target, all others were mobilised to attack him. The attackers always used the thinking, logic and language of 'class struggle'. Your daily performance was assessed according to the revolutionary standard. Even some very private conversations were exposed by people you thought were friends, which made you feel vulnerable in public. When I saw the targets being criticised on stage, some of them even being beaten by the students, I became afraid.

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Source B

From a prepared speech given at the Central Work Conference, a national meeting of CCP delegates, by Deng Xiaoping, 23 October 1966.

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Source C

From comments made at a meeting of the Politburo by Mao Zedong, 19 February 1967.

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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 the beginnings of the Cultural Revolution.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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'The CCP's successful consolidation of power in China, in the years 1949 to 1952, was due to its policy of land reform.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

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'The most significant impact of the Great Leap Forward on China, in the years 1958 to 1962, was economic.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

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To what extent did Deng Xiaoping's policies, in the years 1978 to 1986, benefit the Chinese people?

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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