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A-level

HISTORY

Component 2S

The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

7042/2S

Friday 9 June 2023

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

MATERIALS

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 7042/2S.**
- **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 speech in the House of Commons during a debate on the Wootton Report, by Conservative MP Patrick McNair-Wilson, 27 January 1969. This report recommended the legalisation of cannabis.

I have listened to the arguments of those experts outside this House who have tried to persuade me and others that the smoking of cannabis is no more than a social pastime. But I think that we are accepting too many kinds of social changes, not so much because we want them but merely because we believe that they are inevitable. I do not subscribe to the inevitability of what must happen to

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**our social order in this country. For
the report to suggest that the use of
cannabis amounts to nothing more
than youthful experimentation is the 15
most dangerous premise on which to
build any sort of legislation on
drug-taking. We have to keep a firm
grip on our society if we do not want
it to get out of control. As a nation 20
we can either just go with the flow or
we can draw the line. I want to draw
the line.**

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SOURCE C

From 'Looking Back at the 1960s' by Sara Maitland, 1988. Maitland is a feminist writer who had graduated from Oxford University in 1971.

The 1960s were born out of the 'you've never had it so good' years. The security provided by the relatively high employment and rising wages of all classes created a new dynamic in society: a youth group which was both more monied and leisured than any previous generation. This, of course, does not deny that there were devastating injustices, prejudices and real poverty, but it was, nevertheless, an historic moment. The 1960s were transforming times, the beginning of the liberation of all women in Britain. We were undeniably greedy both for personal experience and instant

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gratification. We were undeniably arrogant in our conviction that we could change the world, but the optimism, excitement and aspiration of the time was real and produced the first British National Women's Liberation Conference in 1970. 20

Feminism does seem to me to be my life and in that sense, born in 1950, I am the person I am because of the 1960s. 25

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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 social and cultural change in the 1960s. [30 marks]

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SECTION B

Answer TWO questions.

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‘It was internal divisions and weaknesses that kept the Labour Party out of power in the years 1955 to 1963.’

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

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‘Margaret Thatcher’s foreign policy, in the years 1979 to 1987, was overwhelmingly successful.’

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

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To what extent did Britain become a multicultural society in the years 1997 to 2007? [25 marks]

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