

ALL Civil War Paper 2 questions

A-type question:

1. Explain why the involvement of foreign powers prolonged the Civil War.
2. Explain why Grant was appointed commander of the Union forces in March 1864
3. Why did President Lincoln change the war aims of the North in 1862–63?
4. Why was the North slow to turn its superiority of resources into military victory?
5. Why was Grant appointed General-in-Chief of the Union Army in March 1864 and not before?
6. Why did the South surrender in 1865 and not before?
7. Why did the North remain politically divided during the Civil War?
8. Why did President Lincoln introduce the Emancipation Proclamation in two stages?
9. Why was there opposition in the North to Lincoln's presidency prior to the 1864 election?
10. Why was the Emancipation Proclamation so important to the course of the Civil War?
11. Why did the slave states divide in 1861?
12. Why did it take the North three years to turn its superiority of resources over the South into military victory?
13. Why did Lincoln win the 1864 presidential election?
14. How great was the impact of the Emancipation Proclamation?
15. Why did President Lincoln introduce a naval blockade of Southern ports at the start of the Civil War?
16. Why did the North experience such limited military success in 1861–62?
17. Why did four slave states join the North in fighting the Civil War?
18. Why was the South unable to capitalise on its early successes in the Civil War?

B-type question:

1. 'Weak leadership on both sides was the main reason the Civil War lasted as long as it did.' How far do you agree with this view?
2. 'The Confederacy lost the Civil War because its member states believed more in states' rights than in a united war effort.' How far do you agree?
3. 'The North's initial strategy, known as the Anaconda Plan, was a failure.' How far do you agree?
4. 'The Emancipation Proclamation ensured that the North would win the Civil War.' How far do you agree?

5. 'Living conditions in the South during the Civil War became harsh only in 1864–65.' How far do you agree?
6. Why, in the Civil War, despite inferior resources, was the South able to resist the North for so long?
7. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Jefferson Davis's leadership of the Confederacy
8. Cautious in both its political aims and its military strategy.' How accurately does this describe the approach of the leadership of the North in 1861–62?
9. 'Until 1864, Robert E Lee's military strategy was surprisingly successful.' How far do you agree?
10. 'The US navy made a vital contribution to the military victory of the North.' How far do you agree?
11. How far did the political aims of the North change during the course of the Civil War?
12. How great were the hardships of civil war experienced by people in the South?
13. Assess President Lincoln's record as a war leader.
14. 'The North won the war because Grant was prepared to attack the people of the South as well as its armies.' How far do you agree?
15. Which side did more to limit civil liberties during the Civil War: North or South?
16. How great was the damage to life in the South during the Civil War?
17. Civil liberties were never effectively limited during the Civil War.' How far do you agree?
18. How consistent was the military strategy of the North during the Civil War?
19. How far do you agree that, during the Civil War, the military and political leadership of the South was always inferior to that of the North?
20. Life was harsh for everyone in the South during the Civil War.' How far do you agree?
21. 'The federal nature of the Southern system of government was the main reason for the South's weakness in waging war against the North.' How far do you agree?
22. The Thirteenth Amendment was the greatest of the constitutional amendments passed between 1865 and 1870.' How far do you agree with this statement?
23. How far did the aims of the North change during the course of the Civil War?
24. How far do you agree that Lincoln's leadership was a major reason why the North achieved such limited success in the first two years of the Civil War?