

Section B: American Option**The History of the USA, 1840–1941**

Answer **both** parts of **two** questions.

5 The expansion of US power from the 1840s to the 1930s

- (a) Why was the USA able to expand its power in North America from the 1840s to the 1890s? [10]
- (b) How far did American power in Central and South America increase between the 1840s and the 1930s? [20]

6 Civil War and reconstruction, 1861–1877

- (a) Explain why the Civil War lasted for four years. [10]
- (b) How far did the position of ex-slaves improve by 1877? [20]

7 The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era from the 1870s to the 1920s

- (a) Account for the rapid industrialisation of the USA in the late nineteenth century. [10]
- (b) How successful a political leader was Theodore Roosevelt? [20]

8 The Great Crash, the Great Depression and the New Deal, 1929–1941

- (a) Why did the Great Crash have such a significant impact on the USA? [10]
- (b) How successfully did President Roosevelt deal with the consequences of the Great Crash between 1933 and 1938? [20]