

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 did US naval power grow in this period? [10]
- (b) How far was the US responsible for the outbreak of war with Spain in 1898? [20]

6 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877

- (a) Why did the Reconstruction policies of President Johnson provoke hostility in the US Congress? [10]
- (b) 'The Thirteenth Amendment was the greatest of the constitutional amendments passed between 1865 and 1870.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

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

- (a) Why did the prohibition movement gain support between 1900 and 1920? [10]
- (b) How powerful were the party bosses who governed many US cities in the late nineteenth century? [20]

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

- (a) Why did many left-wing liberals oppose the New Deal? [10]
- (b) How far was the First New Deal undermined by the judgements of the US Supreme Court? [20]