

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, in 1898, did the USA acquire the Philippines? [10]
- (b) How consistent was US policy towards Japan in the period from 1901 to 1922? [20]

6 Civil War and Reconstruction, 1861–1877

- (a) Why did four slave states join the North in fighting the Civil War? [10]
- (b) How far did the aims of the North change during the course of the Civil War? [20]

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

- (a) Why, in the late nineteenth century, did the US economy experience frequent crises and panics? [10]
- (b) How serious was the crisis facing American farmers in the late nineteenth century? [20]

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

- (a) Account for President Hoover's response to the Great Crash. [10]
- (b) How different were the First and Second New Deals? [20]