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## History

## HIS2F

**Unit 2F Challenging British Dominance: the Loss of the American Colonies,  
1754–1783**

**Tuesday 22 January 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### **Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

### **Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2F.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.  
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

### **Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.  
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

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### Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A** A passage by E Wright regarding the Sugar Act, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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**Source B** A passage by I Christie regarding the Sugar Act, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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**Source C** When Grenville came to office in 1763, he found that the estimated expense of defending America and Canada amounted to at least £300 000 each year. To meet this, the Grenville government (1763–1765) imposed a range of taxes which were to have devastating consequences. With some justification, the colonists believed their  
5 trade and prosperity was threatened by the measures contained in the Sugar Act. Even more serious was the way in which the Stamp Act introduced the principle of internal taxation by Britain, which in turn made the colonial Governors independent of their assemblies.

Adapted from F O'GORMAN, *The Long Eighteenth Century, 1688–1832*, 1997

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 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to the Sugar Act. (12 marks)

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 Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was American resistance to British policy in the years 1763 to 1770 due to resentment of taxation? (24 marks)

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**EITHER****Question 2**

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 Explain why conflict broke out between Britain and France in the Ohio Valley in 1754.  
(12 marks)**and**

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 'British victory in the French and Indian Wars was due to the failure of France to build on its advantages at the beginning of the wars.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)**OR****Question 3**

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 Explain why the Boston Tea Party of 1773 took place. (12 marks)**and**

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 'The drift towards conflict in North America in the years 1774 to 1776 was caused by the unreasonable behaviour of the colonists.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)**END OF QUESTIONS**

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Question 1 Source A: E WRIGHT, *Fabric of Freedom, 1763–1800*, Macmillan, 1965.

Question 1 Source B: I CHRISTIE, *Crisis of Empire: Great Britain and the American Colonies, 1754–1783*, W W North & Co, 1966.

Question 1 Source C: F O'GORMAN, *The Long Eighteenth Century, 1688–1832*, Arnold, 1997.

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