
AS HISTORY

The Transformation of China, 1936–1962

Paper 2P

Specimen 2014

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2P**.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

Adapted from 'A Discussion of Human Dignity', an article written by Zuo Ai and published in the Maoist China Youth Daily on 19 August 1957.

Human rights have been violated and human dignity offended'. This is the primary charge that the rightists make against the Party. But it is unclear whose human dignity and rights the rightists wish to defend. In our view, humans are marked by class. People will always protect the interests, rights and dignity of their own class. It may appear that the rightists are struggling for human rights and the dignity of all people, but in reality they are deceiving both themselves and others. If there is a human dignity for the exploiting class then there is no dignity at all for the exploited classes. The labouring people find themselves in the position of being oppressed and insulted, economically and politically controlled. The Party has therefore led the working class in an offensive against the illegal ideas and activities of the bourgeoisie. This is a class struggle, a struggle that consolidates the leadership position of the party and the working class and causes the capitalist economy to come under the direction of the state-owned economy.

Source B

Adapted from a speech on the Correct Handling of Contradictions among the People given by Mao at the Eleventh Session of the Supreme State Conference on 27 February 1957. This report of the speech was published in the People's Daily on 19 June 1957, after being personally checked by Mao.

Of course, the consolidation of our state is not due primarily to the elimination of rightist counter-revolutionaries. It is due primarily to the fact that we have a Communist Party and a Liberation Army. Our Party and our armed forces are rooted in the masses and have the capacity to fight. Some intellectuals are also on our side, tempered in the struggles against imperialism; many other intellectuals have gone through a process of ideological remoulding aimed at enabling them to distinguish clearly between ourselves and the enemy. Yet, the consolidation of our state is due to the fact that our economic measures are basically sound, that the people's life is secure and steadily improving, that our policies towards the national bourgeoisie and other classes are correct, and so on. Nevertheless, our success in eliminating rightist counter-revolutionaries is undoubtedly an important reason for the consolidation of our state.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the strength of the Communist Regime in China in 1957?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

EITHER

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‘Jiang Jieshi’s (Chiang Kai-Shek) only success in the years 1936 to 1945 was the establishment of Nationalist authority.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘The communist victory in the Civil War of 1946 to 1949 was due to the effective leadership of Mao.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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