
AS HISTORY

The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–1979

Paper 2S

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 **2S**.
- 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

From the Labour Party Manifesto of 1964.

We shall create a New Britain – mobilising the resources of technology and reversing Tory decline. The crippling consequences of the Tories' free market policies are now well known. They have led to unemployment and under-employment in large parts of the country. They have brought continuing inflation and soaring land and house prices which have made it almost impossible for many ordinary families to buy or rent a home. Not even the Tories' stop-go policies have been able to prevent some increase in production and in living standards, but our record is now among the worst in the western world. The Tories still peddle their boast, 'You've never had it so good'. The truth is that Britain could and should have had it a whole lot better.

Source B

Adapted from a speech by Rab Butler to the Conservative Party Conference in 1963. The Party Leader, Harold Macmillan, was absent due to illness, and Rab Butler took his place.

Both on the land and in the towns Britain is thriving, changing and going ahead, and it is high time we answered, good, loud and clear, the wily Wilson who spends so much of his time cracking up other countries and running down his own. Don't they know, or don't they want to know, the successes Britain has achieved in the economic and technological fields? Mr Wilson is always giving us league tables showing Britain at the bottom. Doesn't he know or doesn't he want to know that in the past eighteen months alone Britain has operated the world's first commercial Hovercraft service, inaugurated the world's most powerful computing system, brought into commission the world's two biggest civil nuclear power stations, and opened Europe's largest scientific lending library? These are some of the proud achievements of a first-class country determined to keep in the lead. Conservatives have always believed in the British people. In the last three elections the British people have shown that they believe in us. Now let us believe in ourselves. Let us tell the people we are determined to tend and care for 'the flame of freedom in our souls'. Because we alone can keep this alight.

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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 why the Conservatives were able to claim that Britain was thriving in 1963–1964?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

EITHER

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‘By 1975 Britain’s position in the world was in decline.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view

[25 marks]

OR

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‘British society became more liberal in the 1960s.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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