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AS Level History A

Y143/01 Britain 1930–1997

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Section A**Churchill 1930–1951**

Study the **three** sources and answer **both** questions in this section.

- 1 Use your knowledge of Churchill's attitude to post war reconstruction to assess how useful **Source A** is as evidence for Churchill's lack of domestic interest during the war. **[10]**
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that Churchill was personally responsible for the Conservative defeat in the 1945 election. **[20]**

Source A: A report in a popular left wing weekly magazine.

© David Adelman, Signs of the times: British political history, 1900-51, p127, Hodder & Stoughton, 1991. From first line "The Mass Observation report had made many studies of Churchill's popularity" to last line "in answer to a straight question on whether Churchill could or should be post-war prim"

Source B: The literary editor of the New Statesman writes to a Conservative MP.

© Mike Wells, OCR A Level History AS: Churchill 1920-45, p120, Heinemann, 2009. From first line "I think that Churchill more than anyone else was responsible for the squalid lies in these elections. He started the rot with his talk of Mr Attlee's Gestapo." to last line "but I could not feel on that."

Source C: The Labour Home Secretary comments on the Labour party.

© David Adelman, Signs of the times: British political history, 1900-51, p128, Hodder & Stoughton, 1991. From first line "The Labour Party has itself been developing an instrument" to last line "It did not put anything in the programme which it did not think could be done." Item removed due to third party copyr

Section B

Britain 1951–1997

Answer Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3*** 'Political scandals were the most important reason for the Conservative decline and defeat in 1964.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

- 4*** 'Britain's response to foreign crises in the period from 1951 to 1997 was unsuccessful.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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