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A Level History A

Y319/01 Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992

Time allowed: 2 hours 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 the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- 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.

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Section A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

1 Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of how far the New Deal improved the position of African Americans. **[30]**

Passage A

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Passage B

© Vivienne Saunders, Race Relations in the USA 1863-1980, p71-3, Hodder & Stoughton, 2006. From first line "Before 1933 the federal government had appeared uninterested in black Americans." to last line "While it was sometimes hard for them to make effective protests about unfairness in the administration

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* To what extent did the aims of the campaigners for African American civil rights remain the same in the period from 1865 to 1992? **[25]**

3* 'The Federal Government was the most important factor limiting the development of trade union and labour rights in the period from 1865 to 1992.'

How far do you agree? **[25]**

4* 'Women in America gained greater gender equality in the period before the end of the Second World War than after it.'

How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1865 to 1992? **[25]**

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