



**A-level
HISTORY**

**Component 2P The Transformation of China,
1936–1997**

7042/2P

Wednesday 13 June 2018 Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

For this paper you must have:

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- **Use black ink or black ball-point pen.**
- **Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The PAPER REFERENCE is 7042/2P.**
- **Answer THREE questions.**
In SECTION A answer Question 01.
In SECTION B answer TWO questions.

INFORMATION

- **The marks for questions are shown in brackets.**
- **The maximum mark for this paper is 80.**
- **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:**
 - **60 minutes on Question 01**
 - **45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.**

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SECTION A**Answer Question 01.****SOURCE A**

From an editorial entitled ‘Hold High the Red Flag of People’s Communes and March On’ in the newspaper, People’s Daily, 3 September 1958.

Where the people’s communes have already come into existence, the peasants, beating drums and gongs, celebrated the occasion with great joy and their enthusiasm for production has reached a new height. The poor and lower-middle peasants, in particular, rejoice in the formation of the commune and regard it as the ‘realisation of a long-cherished dream’. China now has some 700,000 agricultural producers’ co-operatives, mostly set up during the upsurge of socialism in 1955 and later gradually transformed into advanced co-operatives. They are undoubtedly far superior to individual farming, mutual-aid terms, and even the elementary agricultural producers’ co-operatives, and have contributed enormously to the steady increase of China’s farm out-put in the past few years.

During the current leap forward in agricultural production and rural work, the mass of peasants have witnessed not only a several-fold increase in agricultural production but also the happy future of industrialisation and urbanisation of rural areas. As a result, the prestige of the Party has become more consolidated than ever among the peasants. 20

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SOURCE B

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SOURCE C

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01 With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Great Leap Forward. [30 marks]

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SECTION B

Answer TWO questions.

02 'Jiang Jieshi's government was strengthened by its handling of the Sino-Japanese war.'

Assess the validity of this view. [25 marks]

03 How significant was the role of the PLA in the Cultural Revolution? [25 marks]

04 'The Tiananmen Square demonstrations of 1989 were the result of Deng Xiaoping's economic policies.'

Assess the validity of this view. [25 marks]

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