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In this section you will be assessed on how well you:

- present a sustained, logical, well-structured answer to the question
  - support your answer with relevant, accurate, historical information
  - use historical terms and concepts appropriately
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**Marks**

**Option A: USA 1898–1941**

**Attempt BOTH Question 4 and Question 5**

**Question 4 (20 marks)**

- (a) Assess the role of business magnates in the growth of the US economy between 1898 and 1929. **20**

**OR**

- (b) Explain the growing importance of Hollywood and the entertainment industry in American culture from the 1920s to 1941. **20**

**Question 5 (20 marks)**

(a) **William Randolph Hearst**

- (i) Describe the significant events in the career of William Randolph Hearst from 1898 to 1941. **10**
- (ii) ‘Hearst began his career with radical ideas but by the inter-war period he was opposed to most major changes in American society.’ **10**

In the light of this statement, assess William Randolph Hearst’s attitudes to political and social change in the United States during the 1920s and 1930s.

**OR**

(b) **J Edgar Hoover**

- (i) Describe the significant events in the career of J Edgar Hoover from 1917 to 1941. **10**
- (ii) ‘Hoover spent as much time promoting himself to the American public as a crime fighter as he did fighting crime.’ **10**

In the light of this statement, assess the effectiveness of J Edgar Hoover in combating the growing influence of gangsters in American society during the 1920s and 1930s.