

Past-paper walk-through

Philosophical Foundations of the American Revolution ■ 3.4

eXercise

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Reading the mark scheme

- **B1** a mark that stands on its own – the point is either made or not.
- **M1** a *method* mark: the right approach, even if the number is wrong.
- **A1** an *answer* mark, and it usually needs its M mark first.
- **C1** a working mark on the way to the answer.
- **//** separates answers the examiner accepts equally.
- **ecf** = error carried forward: a later part is marked on your own earlier answer.
- **owtte** = “or words to that effect” – the wording need not match.

Question 3

2025 Set 2 ■ Q3

Respond to parts A, B, and C.

(a) Briefly describe one political debate in British North America from 1763 to 1783.

(b) Briefly describe one effect of the ratification of the United States Constitution from 1789 to 1800.

(c) Briefly explain how one group responded to debates about federal government power from 1800 to 1840.

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(a) Mark scheme

- Briefly describe one political debate in British North America from 1763 to 1783. (1 point) — accept any: The end of the Seven Years' War spurred debates over whether colonists in British North America should be taxed to help pay for war debts.; The Proclamation of 1763 contributed to political debates about westward expansion in British North America.; The continued presence of British soldiers, who the colonists legally had to quarter according to British laws, resulted in increased political debates about the rights of colonists.; Colonists debated whether they should declare independence or remain loyal to Great Britain.

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(b) Mark scheme

- Briefly describe one effect of the ratification of the United States Constitution from 1789 to 1800. (1 point) — accept any: The Constitution created a new stronger central government for the United States.; The ratification of the United States Constitution created lasting debates over states' rights versus federal power under the federalist system of government.; The ratification of the United States Constitution led to debates about economic policies such as creating a national bank.; The ratification of the Constitution resulted in the eventual addition of the Bill of Rights.; The executive branch was created as a result of the ratification of the Constitution.; The establishment of a new government under the Constitution

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led to the formation of political parties.; The ratification of the Constitution created a new government that included the separation of powers.

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(c) Mark scheme

- Briefly explain how one group responded to debates about federal government power from 1800 to 1840. (1 point) — accept any: In response to states that passed laws that took power from the federal government, the Supreme Court asserted the power to strike down state laws through judicial review.; Democratic-Republicans believed that the power of the federal government was too high, so they sought to return power back to the states through legislation.; Loose constructionists called for the federal government to have more involvement in promoting economic development.; Advocates of internal improvements claimed that the federal government had the power to promote economic development.; Native Americans resisted the federal government's encroachment onto their

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sovereign lands.; Jacksonian Democrats asserted the power of the federal government to enact tariffs.; A growing antislavery movement pushed for the federal government to end United States participation in the transatlantic slave trade.

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2024 Set 1 ■ Q3

Respond to parts a, b, and c.

- (a)** Briefly describe one British government policy enacted in colonial North America from 1763 to 1776.
- (b)** Briefly explain one similarity OR difference in how TWO groups in North America responded to a British policy from 1763 to 1783.
- (c)** Briefly explain how one specific historical development contributed to the American colonists' victory over Great Britain from 1775 to 1783.

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(a)

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- Briefly describe one British government policy enacted in colonial North America from 1763 to 1776. (1 point) — accept any: The British government enacted new taxes to raise revenue.; The British government collected taxes without colonial representation in Parliament.; The British government established the Proclamation Line to reduce tensions with Native Americans by preventing settlers from moving westward.; British officials blockaded American ports to assert imperial authority over the colonies.

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(b) Mark scheme

- Briefly explain one similarity OR difference in how TWO groups in North America responded to a British policy from 1763 to 1783. (1 point) — accept any: While loyalists sought to remain loyal to the crown, Patriots argued that colonists should fight for their liberties.; Native Americans supported the Royal Proclamation of 1763 preventing colonial encroachment, while the colonists defied the Proclamation of 1763 moving west.; The Sons and Daughters of Liberty both protested policies through supporting boycotts on British imported goods.; During the Revolutionary War some Native American nations, such as the Kanien'kahà:ka [Mohawk] allied with the British, while other nations, such as the Oneida Nation, allied with the colonists.; Northern merchants and Southern plantation owners

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opposed the imposition of taxes on trade in the colonies.; Puritans in New England disliked the Quebec Act because it tolerated Catholicism, while southern planters disliked the Quebec Act because it prevented settlement on land that they claimed.; Merchants in New England responded to the Stamp Act by boycotting British goods, but merchants in the Caribbean did not boycott goods and remained loyal to the British government.

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(c) Mark scheme

- Briefly explain how one specific historical development contributed to the American colonists' victory over Great Britain from 1775 to 1783. (1 point) — accept any: Assistance from European allies helped the Patriots overcome the British advantage and win the war.; The actions of colonial militias helped overcome Great Britain's overwhelming military and financial advantage and contributed to the colonist victory over Great Britain.; Colonial women provided important material and financial support to the Patriot cause.; George Washington led the Continental Army and his military leadership helped to defeat the British.; The colonists' ideological commitment and resilience helped the Patriots overcome the British advantage and win the war.