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History A (The Making of the Modern World)
Unit 3: Modern World Source Enquiry
Option 3C: A divided union? The USA 1945–70

Tuesday 12 June 2012 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

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You must have:
Sources Booklet (enclosed)

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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(Total for Question 1 = 6 marks)



2 Study Source B and use your own knowledge.

What was the purpose of this statement? Use details of the statement and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

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(Total for Question 3 = 10 marks)



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(Total for Question 4 = 10 marks)



***5 Study all the sources (A to F) and use your own knowledge.**

'Television brought about the downfall of McCarthy.'

How far do the **sources** in this paper support this statement? Use details from the sources and your own knowledge to explain your answer.

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The decline of McCarthyism

Background information

In the years 1950–54, Joseph McCarthy led a campaign against Communism in the USA. McCarthy won widespread support even though he provided little evidence to back up his allegations. Some historians believe that his downfall was due to the influence of television. Other historians suggest it was due to other factors.

Source A: Former US President Harry S Truman speaking on the radio, 17 November 1953.

McCarthyism – the meaning of the word is the bending of the truth. It means that the USA has abandoned its belief in fair play and the proper use of the law. McCarthyism involves the use of the ‘big lie’ – which means making accusations against any citizen in the name of America and its national security. These accusations are not supported by any evidence. McCarthyism is a horrible cancer which is eating away at America and is destroying the great belief in freedom.

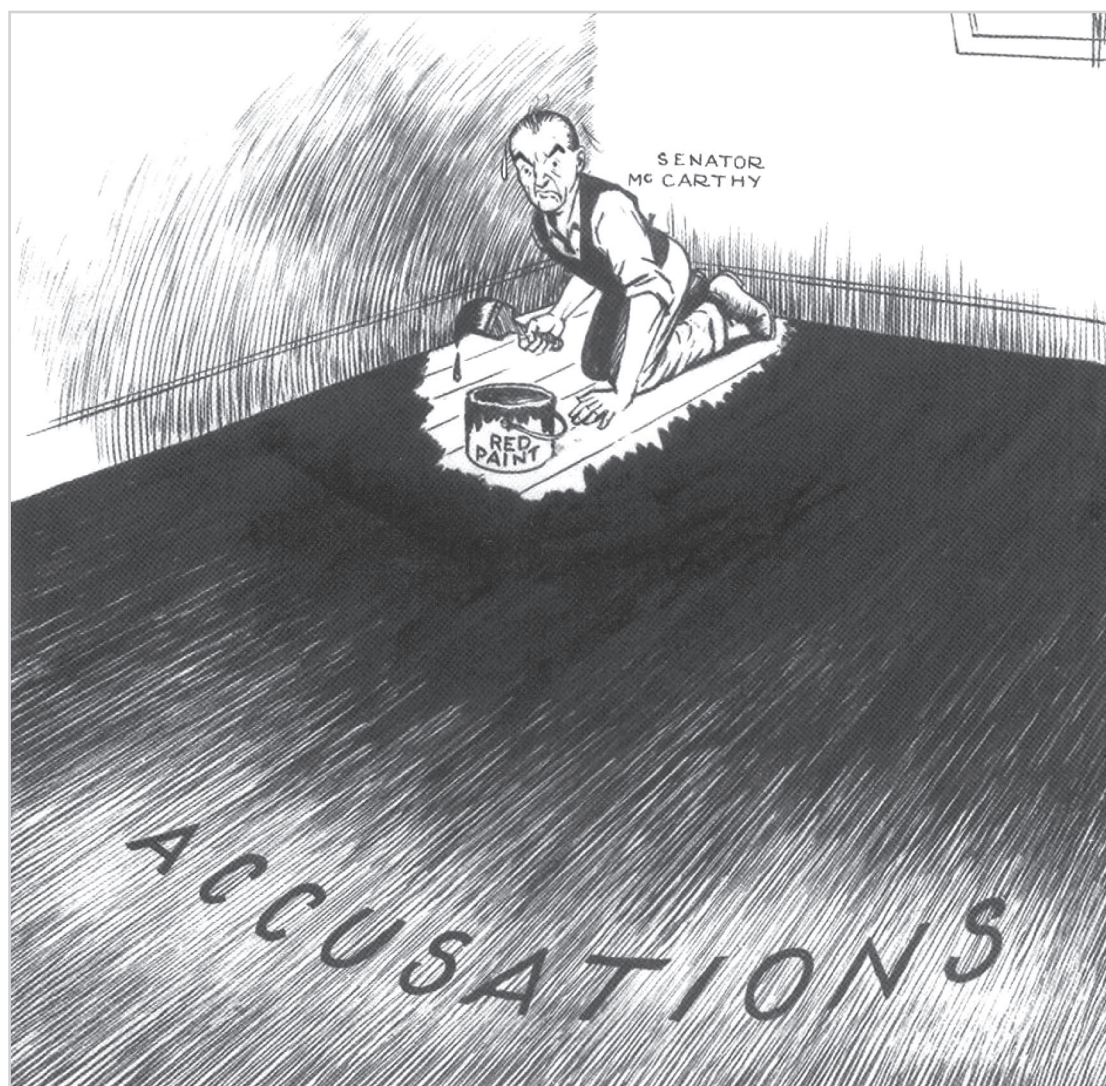
Source B: From a statement by Ed Murrow at the end of his popular TV programme *See it Now*, 9 March 1954. Murrow was a famous TV presenter in the USA.

McCarthyism has repeatedly stepped over the very fine line between investigating and persecuting. This is not the time for men who oppose Senator McCarthy’s methods to keep silent. We declare ourselves to be the defenders of freedom – as indeed we are, at least what’s left of it in the USA. But we cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home. The actions of McCarthy, the junior Senator from Wisconsin, have caused alarm and dismay and have created a situation of fear.

Source C: From McCarthy’s reply to Ed Murrow’s programme *See it Now*. McCarthy’s reply was televised on 6 April 1954.

My Senate Investigating Committee has forced Communists involved in a Soviet conspiracy out of government jobs. 24 of these people with Communist backgrounds have been dismissed from jobs in which they were handling top-secret material. The more successful we are in digging out Communists, the more vicious Mr Murrow’s attacks on me become. I am compelled by the facts to say to you that Mr Edward R Murrow, as far back as 20 years ago, was involved in spreading propaganda for Communist causes.

Source D: A cartoon which was published in an American national newspaper in 1954. McCarthy, having painted most of the floor, is shown backed into a corner.



Source E: From the televised Army-McCarthy hearing in the Senate, April–June 1954. The speakers are McCarthy and Joseph Welch, the lawyer representing the army. They are discussing the accusation made by McCarthy that a member of Welch's own law firm, Fred Fisher, was a communist.

Welch: Until this moment, Senator, I did not fully appreciate your cruelty or your ruthlessness. Fred Fisher is a young man who went to Harvard Law School and is starting what looks like a brilliant career for us.

McCarthy: I just give this man's record, and I want to say, Mr Welch, that he became a member of the Communist Party as early as 1944.

Welch: Let us not assassinate this lad's character any further Senator. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you no sense of decency left?

Source F is on page 4.

Source F: From a history of the modern world, published in 1996.

McCarthy's downfall came in 1954. Many senators, including Republicans, spoke against him. Quality newspapers such as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* protested against McCarthy's actions. TV journalist Ed Murrow produced a devastating programme on the *See it Now* series against McCarthyism. McCarthy sealed his own fate when he cast doubts about the security of the army. By this time, his accusations seemed ridiculous. In televised hearings McCarthy, who was an alcoholic, was humiliated by Welch, who exposed him as a bully.

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