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EXAMINATION PAPER

IP26020/IP36020: THE PAST AND PRESENT OF US INTELLIGENCE

Time allowed: **2 HOURS.**

Answer TWO (2) questions from the list below

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

1. What contribution did intelligence make to victory in the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783?
2. Discuss the role of women in intelligence during the American Civil War, 1861-5.
3. How, and why, was intelligence integral to US victory in the Pacific War, 1941-5?
4. Assess the record of the FBI in countering internal 'opposition' groups and individuals from c. 1960-1975.
5. Assess the successes and failings of the US Intelligence Community (USIC) with regard to Cuba, 1959-62.
6. Did US intelligence agencies fail the policymakers in Washington DC during the Vietnam War? Or was the US Intelligence Community (USIC) just not listened to?
7. To what degree did the Reagan administration's use of the US Intelligence Community (USIC) to fight Soviet communism violate the norms established in the 'Year of Intelligence' (1975)?

8. What lessons did the US National Security State and the US Intelligence Community (USIC) learn from the 9/11 attacks? How did they seek to address any perceived shortcomings?
9. How has the US Intelligence Community (USIC) sought to counter the Russian threat since 2014?
10. Aside from Russia, what are the main threats facing the US Intelligence Community (USIC) today?