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## Question paper

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This paper consists of SECTION A based on the prescribed content framework in the CAPS document.

**SECTION A: SOURCE-BASED QUESTION**

QUESTION 1: COMING TO DEMOCRACY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND COMING TO TERMS WITH THE PAST  
SECTION B: ESSAY QUESTION  
QUESTION 2: CIVIL RESISTANCE 1970s TO 1980s: SOUTH AFRICA: THE CRISES OF APARTHEID IN THE 1980s

2. SECTION A consists of ONE source-based question. Source material that is required to answer this question will be found in the ADDENDUM.
3. SECTION B Consist of ONE Essay question
4. ANSWER all the Questions.
5. When answering questions, candidates should apply their knowledge, skills and insight.
6. A mere rewriting of sources as answers will disadvantage candidates.
7. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
8. Write neatly and legibly.



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**QUESTION 1: WAS THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (TRC) SUCCESSFUL IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF A DIVIDED SOUTH AFRICA?**

Study Sources 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D and answer the questions that follow.

**1.1. Read Source 1 A**

- 1.1.1 According to the source, what were the TWO crucial things that Emerged from the TRC? (2x1) (2)
- 1.1.2 Why according do you think some people were in favour of the TRC (1x2) (2)
- 1.1.3 Using the information in the source and your own knowledge, explain why you think the TRC could have had a cathartic (healing) effect for many victims. (2x2) (4)
- 1.1.4 What is implied by the words, "it has produced an archive... and hopefully learn from it", on the work of the TRC? (2x2) (4)

**1.2. Study Source 1B**

- 1.2.1 Why do you think the TRC encouraged perpetrators to apply for amnesty? (1x2) (2)
- 1.2.2 According to the source what were the positive aspects that we were gained from the TRC hearings? (3x1) (3)
- 1.2.3 Define the concept amnesty in your own words (1x2) (2)
- 1.2.4 According to the source, what was the biggest success of the TRC (1x2) (2)

- 1.3 Compare Sources 1A and 1B. Explain how information in Source 1A is supported by information in Source 1B regarding the healing process of the TRC (2x2) (4)

**1.4. Refer to Source 2C**

- 1.4.1 Explain the messages portrayed in this cartoon. Use the visual clues in the source to support your answer. (2x2) (4)
- 1.4.2 Identify any THREE 'dirty tricks' from the source the National Party committed during the 1980s (3x1) (3)





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**1.5 Consult Source 2D.**

1.5.1 Explain the limitations of the source to a historian researching the success of healing the wounds of the victims. (2x2) (4)

1.5.2 Why do you think the National Party and other right-wing groups accused the TRC of being a 'witch hunt'? (2x2) (4)

1.5.3 How, according to the source, would restorative justice succeed? (1 x 2) (2)

1.6 Using the information in the relevant sources and you're your own knowledge, write a paragraph of about EIGHT lines (about 80 words), Explaining how successful the TRC was in healing the wounds of a divided South Africa. (8)  
[50]

**QUESTION 2: CIVIL RESISTANCE, 1970s TO 1980s: SOUTH AFRICA:****THE CRISIS OF APARTHEID**

"It was the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) and Steve Biko that was instrumental in challenging the apartheid government in the 1970"

Do you agree with statement? Use relevant evidence to support the line of argument [50]

**Total 100**