* *Remember the examiners have yet to ask the question “To what extent were the 1970s/1980s the most important* ***turning point*** *in the development of…?”* ***This might be the year!***
* *The examiners’ reports emphasise that not enough answers (whatever the question) contain developments post-1968. Remember you have to* ***cover the whole period****.*

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| African-Americans | **Black Panthers** renounced political violence & concentrated on socialist community programmes including free breakfasts, medical clinics & helping homeless.  Decade of **Black Power**: Afro hair, black studies courses, pride in African heritage.  Between 1972 and 1982, the number of black elected officials doubles. First black mayor of a big Southern city elected (Maynard Jackson in **Atlanta**).  Federal court orders city-wide bussing to integrate **Boston** schools. | A disproportionate number of poor, urban black men are in prison: **Attica Prison riot** leaves 29 inmates & 10 hostages dead.  **Allan Bakke** challenges affirmative action in higher education admissions in the Supreme Court & wins admission to University of California medical school.  3 years of violence & **white resistance** follows Boston bus ruling. | Congress introduced federal holiday for **Martin Luther King** & **Civil Rights Restoration Act** which widened scope of anti-discrimination laws to private institutions.  **Jesse Jackson** ran for president in 1984 and 1988 as head of the Rainbow Coalition, receiving millions of votes in the Democratic primaries. | Reagan attempted to **veto** the Civil Rights Restoration Act & withdrew support for affirmative action & $ for school de-segregation. |
| Native-Americans | **Indian Self-Determination Act** restored tribal self-government.  **Indian Child Welfare Act** stopped the removal of children to boarding schools & non-Indian foster homes. **American Indian Religious Freedom Act** pledged to protect traditional religious rights.  **Trail of Broken Treaties** protest by AIM in Washington demanded all Indians governed by treaties & 110 million acres restored.  AIM occupation at **Wounded Knee** to expose police brutality  **Fish-ins** & **sit-ins** in Oregon & Maine against fishing quotas & lumber company activities on sacred ground.  ***Passamaquaddy v Morton*** awarded $40 million damages in a land claims lawsuit. | AIM burn down the courthouse in **South Dakota** in protest at the lenient sentencing of killers of 2 Indian men in border counties, causing $2million damages & many AIM demonstrators imprisoned.  In the **Pine Ridge shootout**, 2 FBI agents were shot execution style – Leonard Peltier was convicted in 1976 and ordered to serve 2 life sentences.  **Anne Mae Aquash**, the highest ranking woman in AIM, was wrongly suspected of being an FBI informer & murdered on the Pine Ridge reservation. | AIM successfully **sued** the US education department for failing to fund Indian schools fairly.  **Minneapolis AIM patrol** protects Indian women from a serial killer.  Several state governments endowed some reservations with **special rights** for hunting, fishing, and high-stakes casino gaming. | By end 1980s, most **impoverished** ethnic group in USA earning 66% average family income of whites.  Suicide rates & infant mortality twice national average. High levels of alcoholism, poor housing on reservations (where ½ live). 1% college education.  ***Lyng*** case allowed US Forestry Service to build road through sacred ground. |
| Workers | State of **Hawai**i first to give state & local public officials right to strike.  American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees strike of 80,000 **public employees**. | Competition from far-east damaged US car industry and led to **fall in unionisation** as German & Japanese companies operated in South without unions.  2nd **decline of US economy** (after Depression) in 70s & 80s – exports fell, $ weak, unemployment peaked (11% 1982).  **New York** almost bankrupt with decline of manufacturing & white flight to suburbs. | Some economists have stated that Reagan's policies were an important part of bringing about the second longest **peacetime economic expansion** in U.S. history – his **supply side economics** lowered taxes & de-regulated business. Unemployment & inflation fell & corporate earnings rose. | Union membership fell to **16.1%** in this decade.  Reagan de-certified Air-Traffic Controller’s Union in **PATCO** strike.  New wave of Asian immigrants prepared to work for low wages.  President ensured that **Labor Relations Board** dominated by officials who found in favour of employer. |
| Women | Second-wave feminism victory in ***Roe v Wade***.  Two Republican ‘pro-life’ campaigns for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion failed.  Prominent Women’s Liberation movement – Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan, Shirley Chisholm.  Woman’s **Strike for Equality** in New York biggest women’s rally to date.  Phrase ‘sexual harassment’ becomes mainstream.  Public discussion of crime of rape & first ‘Take Back the Night’ march. First **state marital rape law** passed (Nebraska).  Series of laws & Supreme Court rulings to promote equal pay, equal educational opportunities, equal access to credit & ban employment discrimination against pregnant women. | Reagan appointed William Rehnquist as Supreme Court Chief Justice – ‘**Rehnquist Court**’ passed socially conservative rulings.  ***Maher V Roe*** upheld a state ban in Connecticut on public funding for abortion except those ‘medically necessary’.  Media was divided in its response to feminism: -ve coverage of Strike for Equality quoted poll 2/3 women didn’t feel oppressed. | Democrat Senate rejected Reagan’s nomination of anti-abortion, conservative **Robert Bork** to Supreme Court.  **Sandra Day O’Connor** was first woman appointed to Supreme Court. | ***Harris v McRae*** ruled it was constitutional to ban federal Medicaid from funding abortions except in cases of rape or life endangerment.  End of second-wave feminism with ‘**Feminist Sex Wars**’ in which feminists disagreed over how to approach sexuality, prostitution & pornography. |

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