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Higher 1

HISTORY

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Paper 1 The Cold War and the Modern World (1945-2000)

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3 hours

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your name and class on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black ink on both sides of the paper.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Section A

Answer **Question 1**.

Section B

Answer **TWO** questions.

At the end of the examination, answers for Section A and Section B should be fastened **separately**. Section B should be fastened with a cover page.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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Section A

You **MUST** answer **Question 1**.

THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR

1 Read the sources and answer the questions which follow.

Source A

The present policy of the American government with regard to the USSR is also directed at limiting or dislodging the influence of the Soviet Union from neighbouring countries. In implementing this policy in former enemy or Allied countries adjacent to the USSR, the United States attempts, at various international conferences or directly in these countries themselves, to support reactionary forces with the purpose of creating obstacles to the process of democratization of these countries. In so doing, it also attempts to secure positions for the penetration of American capital into their economies. Such a policy is intended to weaken and overthrow the democratic governments in power there, which are friendly toward the USSR, and replace them in the future with new governments that would obediently carry out a policy dictated from the United States. In this policy, the United States receives full support from English diplomacy.

Excerpts from a telegram sent to the Soviet leadership by Nikolai Novikov, Soviet ambassador to the US, 27 September 1946.

Source B

Lastly, the aspiration to world supremacy and the anti-democratic policy of the United States involve an ideological struggle. The principal purpose of the ideological part of the American strategic plan is to deceive public opinion by slanderously accusing the Soviet Union and the new democracies of aggressive intentions, and thus representing the Anglo-Saxon bloc in a defensive role and excusing it of responsibility for preparing a new war.

In their ideological struggle against the USSR, the American imperialists demonstrate their ignorance by laying primary stress on the allegation that the Soviet Union is undemocratic and totalitarian, while the United States and Great Britain and the whole capitalist world are democratic. On this platform of ideological struggle, on this defense of bourgeois pseudo-democracy and condemnation of Communism as totalitarian, are united all the enemies of the working class without exception, who seize with the greatest eagerness on any slanderous accusations against the USSR suggested to them by their imperialist masters.

Andrei Zhdanov, a member of the Soviet Politburo, at the founding of Cominform, 22 September 1947.

Source C

Ideology and perceptions mattered inside the Soviet bloc and in the United States much more than most historians had previously assumed. Or to put it another way, while ideology had been viewed by many as simply a convenient mask of 'real' interests', one of the tentative conclusions of new Cold War history is that ideology was, in itself, a fundamental 'interest'.

To acknowledge the role of ideologies is not to say that geopolitical, economic or military assessments of the Cold War are irrelevant. Quite the contrary. Without taking into account the geopolitical interests of certain key powers like the Soviet Union in such areas as Eastern Europe, without the relative and real economic power of the United States, and without the advances in military technology (especially in the field of nuclear weapons), it is impossible to truly understand the Cold War. At the same time, if one ignores the existence of a deep-seated and evidently irreconcilable ideological conflict, one can hardly understand why, for example, the Soviet determination to protect its geopolitical interests in Eastern Europe would have mattered as much as it did to the United States.

From a Norwegian historian writing about the Cold War, 2003.

Source D



A cartoon published in an American newspaper, the Washington Post, 26 January 1949.

Source E

Wherever it is considered timely and promising, efforts will be made to advance the official limits of Soviet power. For the moment, these efforts are restricted to certain neighbouring points conceived of here as being of immediate strategic necessity, such as Northern Iran, Turkey, possibly Bornholm. However, other points may at any time come into question...

Soviet power, unlike that of Hitlerite Germany, is neither schematic nor adventuristic. It does not work by fixed plans. It does not take unnecessary risks. Impervious to the logic of reason, it is highly sensitive to the logic of force. For this reason it can easily withdraw, and usually does, when strong resistance is encountered at any point. Thus, if the adversary has sufficient force and makes clear his readiness to use it, he rarely has to do so. If situations are properly handled there need be no prestige engaging showdowns.

*From the 'Long Telegram' by George F. Kennan, deputy US ambassador to the USSR,
22 February 1946.*

Now answer the following questions:

- (a) Compare and contrast the evidence provided in Sources A and B on Soviet attitudes toward the United States after 1945. [10]
- (b) How far do Sources A-E support the view that economic issues led to the Cold War in Europe? [30]

Section B

You must answer **two** questions from this section.

EITHER

2. "ASEAN's response to the Cold War in Southeast Asia was characterised more by differences than unity." How far do you agree with this view? [30]

OR

3. To what extent were China's hegemonic ambitions responsible for the Sino-Soviet rivalry from the period 1950 to 1979? [30]

AND EITHER

4. "The United Nations has been successful in its peacekeeping efforts in the post-Cold War world." To what extent do you agree with this view from 1991 to 2000? [30]

OR

5. How far do you agree that ambiguity in mandate was the primary reason for the failure of the United Nations in the Congo Crisis of 1960? [30]