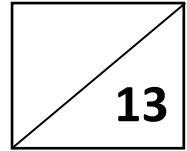




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Source A: Source-Based Case Study

1 (a) Study Source A

Does the cartoonist support the Marshall Plan? Explain your answer. [6]

(b) Study Source B

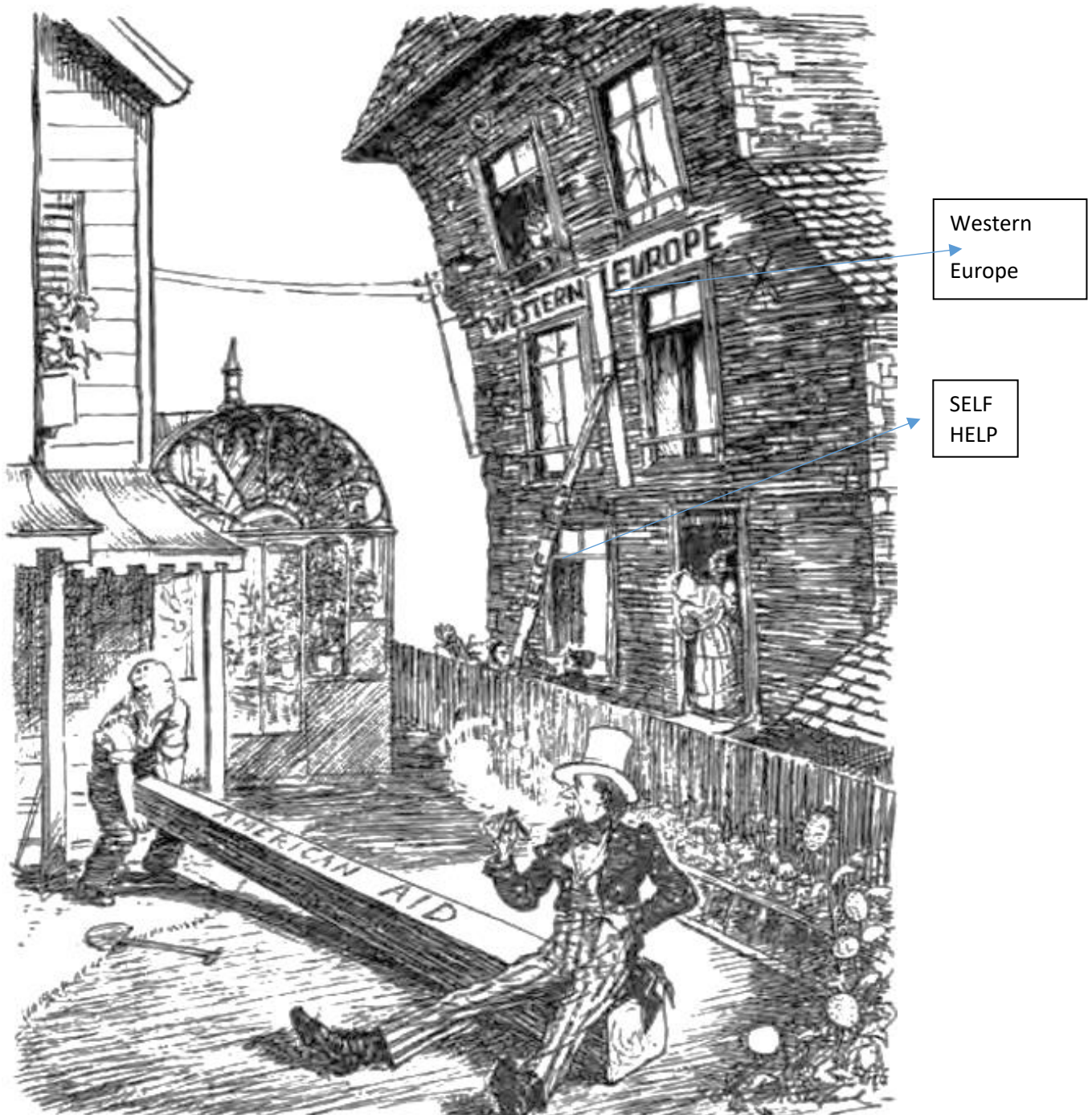
How useful is this source as evidence of the Marshall Plan? Explain your answer. [7]

What motivated the United States of America to introduce the Marshall Plan?

Background Information

At the end of the Second World War all the European countries were close to economic ruin. In contrast, America's economy was booming. In 1947 America offered Marshall Aid to Europe. The USSR saw this as an aggressive move by the USA to gain control of Europe. The American Government claimed it was a defensive measure against the spread of communism.

Source A: An American cartoon published in 1947. The man on the left is Marshall. He is saying 'Come on Sam! It's up to us again.'



Source B *A Soviet cartoon published in 1947. The picture depicts a man with a top hat and a coin in place of a head resting his feet on the bodies of several other men.*



Source C *Speech by Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, to the United Nations in September 1947.*

It is now clear that the Marshall Plan is just part of the Truman Doctrine. The US government counted on the cooperation of the governments of the United Kingdom and France to persuade the European countries to give up their right to plan their economies in their own way. The USA also planned to make all those countries dependent on America. This would help it avoid the approaching depression by increasing the export of their goods to Europe. It is becoming more and more clear to everyone that the Marshall Plan will place European countries under the economic and political control of the USA.

Source D *The US Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, announcing the Marshall Plan in June 1947.*

Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos. Its purpose should be the revival of a working economy in the world so as to permit the emergence of political and social conditions in which free institutions can exist. Any country that is willing to assist in the task of recovery will find full cooperation from the US Government.

End of Paper

Acknowledgements:

Source A: Punch Ltd

Source B: Cartoon from COLD WAR by J. Isaacs and T. Downing Published by Bantam Press.

Source C: David Elch. *Modern European History 1871–1975*. Published by Heinemann Publishers Ltd

Source D: J. Traynor. *Europe*. Published by Nelson

1 (a) Study Source A

Does the cartoonist support the Marshall Plan? Explain your answer.

[6]

Level of Response	LEVEL DESCRIPTOR	Marks Allocation
L1	Describes source	1m
L2	Message	2-3m
L3	L2 + Intent	4-5m
L4	L2 + Action The cartoonist supports the Marshall Plans as he/she is praising America for coming to the aid of Western Europe at the end of WW2. Furthermore, the cartoonist is persuading Americans to give their support to the Marshall Plan.	6m

(b) Study Source B

How useful is this source as evidence of the Marshall Plan? Explain your answer.

[6]

Level of Response	LEVEL DESCRIPTOR	Marks Allocation
L1	Not useful due to undeveloped provenance	1m
L2	Useful due to relevance Source B is useful as evidence of the Marshall Plan as it is relevant to the topic. It suggests that the Marshall Plan was a way for USA to control Western Europe.	2-3m
L3	Useful/Not useful based on reliability assessed through cross-reference [support/refute] Source B is supported by Source C. Source B is refuted by Source D.	3-4m
L4	Both sides of L3	5-6m
L5	L3 + Not useful based on reliability assessed evaluation of provenance Source B is not useful because it is unreliable due to its biased purpose. The source was created by USSR who were the Cold War rivals of USA, furthermore, in authoritarian USSR, cartoonists echo the views of the govt. It was created to discredit USA and the Marshall Plan, implying that Marshall Plan was designed for USA to control and manipulate Western Europe so	7m

	that Soviet citizens would support their govt decision to reject Marshall Plan. With this purpose in mind, the source would be drawn to depict USA in an unfavourable light and distort their intentions.	
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