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History

Unit 2: The Cold War 1945–1991
Higher Tier

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[GHT22]
WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY, AFTERNOON

TIME
1 hour 15 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions.
Answer **all** of Section A and **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES
The total mark for this paper is 55.
Quality of written communication will be assessed in Section A Question **1(b)**, **(c)** and **(d) and** in Section B.
Spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar will be assessed in Section B.
Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.
A Resource Booklet referring to Question **1** accompanies this paper.

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For Question 1 refer to the source material in the Resource Booklet.

Section A

Answer **all** of this section.

1   This question is about the superpowers and the city of Berlin between 1950 and 1989.

   (a) Study Source A.

   What does **Source A** tell us about how the city of Berlin caused problems for the USSR up to 1961?   [4]

   (b) Study Sources A and B.

   How far does **Source A** support the view in **Source B** that the Berlin Wall was built in August 1961 to protect East Germany?   [6]

   (c) Study Source C.

   How **useful** and **reliable** is **Source C** in explaining the reasons for the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989?   [9]

   (d) "Between 1950 and 1989 the USSR's policies and actions over the city of Berlin were a failure."

   Using **Sources A, B, C** and **D** and **your own knowledge**, explain whether you agree with this interpretation of the policies and actions of the USSR towards Berlin between 1950 and 1989.   [15]

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Section B

Answer **one** of the following questions from this section.

In **both** questions, a maximum of **5 additional marks** is available for the use of spelling, punctuation and the correct use of grammar.

2 Explain how relations changed between the USA and the USSR as a result of the USSR's actions in Eastern Europe, 1945 to 1960. [16] and [SPaG 5]

3 Why did the USA try to prevent the spread of communism in Asia between 1949 and 1965? [16] and [SPaG 5]

THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

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RESOURCE BOOKLET

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Source Materials: The superpowers and the city of Berlin between 1950 and 1989

Source A: A modern historian writing in 2009. He is explaining problems caused for the superpowers by the city of Berlin up to 1961

In the 1950s more than two million people, many of whom were young and highly skilled, crossed from East Germany to West Berlin to enjoy a better lifestyle. This caused a shortage of workers in East Germany and showed that many people thought that democracy was better than communism. The USSR was under pressure from the government of East Germany to stop this. When Khrushchev could not persuade the USA to leave West Berlin, he ordered the building of a massive wall in August 1961. As a result, the number of people leaving was greatly reduced. The Berlin Wall became a symbol of the divisions between east and west. Although President Kennedy later visited West Berlin and called himself a Berliner, it seemed that the USSR had won this fight over Berlin.

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Source B: Khrushchev, former leader of the USSR, writing in 1970 about the building of the Berlin Wall

The most difficult issue at my meeting in Vienna in June 1961 with President Kennedy was West Berlin. I insisted that West Berlin should become a free city. I told Kennedy that if he did not agree, the USSR would be forced to control access to Berlin. We in the USSR believed that the USA was using West Berlin to spy on us. The USA was trying to persuade East Germans to leave for the West and damage the economy of East Germany. In August 1961 we decided that the time had come to stop the actions of the USA and protect East Germany. The building of the Berlin Wall improved things at once. Unrest in East Germany decreased and the economy improved.

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Source C: A speech made by President Reagan of the USA at the Brandenburg Gate during a visit to West Berlin on 12 June 1987

I have come to West Berlin as President of the USA because it is my duty to speak in this place of freedom. I want to speak directly to the people of communist East Berlin. Behind me stands a wall that surrounds the free sectors of this city. It is part of the Iron Curtain which divides the entire continent of Europe. Here in Berlin the wall clearly cuts your city in two. We hear much from the USSR about a new policy of reform and openness. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you want peace, if you want wealth for the USSR and Eastern Europe, come here to Berlin Mr Gorbachev and tear down this wall.

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Source D: **Cartoon drawn by an American cartoonist, showing the destruction of the Berlin Wall in 1989. It was published in an internet blog in 2009**

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SOURCES

Source A: Finbar Madden: *History for CCEA GCSE* Hodder 2009 ISBN 9780340984109

Source B: *Khrushchev Remembers, The Last Testament* pp 501–509 Andre Deutsch 1974 ISBN 0233966102

Source C: Extract from Peter Robinson 'Tear Down this Wall' *Prologue Magazine*, Vol 39 No 2 Summer 2007