

AS HISTORY

The Cold War, c1945–1991

Component 2R To the brink of Nuclear War: international relations,
c1945–1963

Tuesday 23 May 2017 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2R.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a radio and television broadcast made by President Kennedy to the American people on 25 July 1961.

West Berlin, lying exposed 110 miles inside East Germany, surrounded by Soviet troops and close to Soviet supply lines, has many roles. It is more than a showcase of liberty, a symbol, an island of freedom in a Communist sea. It is more than a link with the free world, a beacon of hope behind the Iron Curtain, an escape hatch for refugees.

We cannot and will not allow the Communists to drive us out of Berlin, either gradually or by force. The world is not deceived by the Communist attempt to label Berlin as a hotbed of war. There is peace in Berlin today. The source of world trouble and tension is Moscow, not Berlin.

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Source B

From an official communication to the United States from the Soviet Union, 17 August 1961, in response to America's claim that the building of the Berlin Wall was illegal.

The Soviet Union fully understands and supports the actions of the government of the GDR [East Germany]. West Berlin has been transformed into a centre of subversive activity and espionage, and a centre of political and economic provocations against the GDR, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.

The government of the FRG [West Germany] led an entire army of recruiters from West Berlin who, by means of deception, bribery and blackmail, encouraged a certain part of the residents of the GDR to migrate to West Germany. There, these people were compelled to enter into service in the FRG and to work in the war-production industry; they were drawn into various subversive organisations.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the significance of Berlin to East–West relations in 1961?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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 'The tensions that existed within the Grand Alliance by the end of 1946 were the result of conflicting ideologies.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

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 'The US failed to contain communism in Asia in the years 1949 to 1955.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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