



A-level HISTORY

Component 2K International Relations and Global Conflict, c1890–1941

Friday 9 June 2023

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/2K.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a memo sent to members of the Polish Government by Polish Foreign Minister, Jozef Beck, 23 August 1939.

Today's announcements about the intended Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact prove conclusively that the Soviet government has been playing a double game for a long time, seeking to break our negotiations with Paris and London. We cannot be blamed for what is happening. In view of the significance of today's events, I believe that the only answer is closer cooperation between England, France and Poland. The Germans will certainly encounter difficulties in negotiations with the Soviets. The Nazi-Soviet Pact surely implies there will be a collapse of Hitler's ideology and of the Anti-Comintern Pact. 5

Under these conditions, much depends on the decisive attitude of governments and the press in England, France and Poland. If necessary, I agree to publish the final phase of our negotiations with Moscow. These clearly show the dishonesty of the Soviet Union. I will also manage the attitude of our press and public opinion towards this aggressive Nazi-Soviet Pact. 10

Source B

From a radio broadcast by William Joyce, 23 June 1941. Joyce, a former member of the British Union of Fascists, broadcast to the UK from Hamburg throughout the war.

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Source C

From the memoirs of Nikita Khrushchev, 1971. Khrushchev was the secretary of the Moscow Regional Committee in 1939 and was with Stalin when the Nazi-Soviet Pact was signed.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Nazi-Soviet Pact.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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To what extent was the growth of rival alliance systems, in the years 1902 to 1911, provoked by German foreign policy?

[25 marks]

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'In the years 1911 to 1914, it was the actions of Austria-Hungary that were responsible for the outbreak of war in Europe.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

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'In the years 1923 to 1928, attempts at disarmament and conciliation in international relations were a failure.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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