



AS HISTORY

The Cold War, c1945–1991

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

Tuesday 23 May 2023 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 an editorial in the Soviet daily newspaper, Pravda, 28 June 1950.

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Source B

From a radio address to the American people by President Truman, 11 April 1951.

In the simplest terms what we are doing in Korea is this: we are trying to prevent a third world war. It is right for us to be in Korea. It was right last June. It is right today. The communists in the Kremlin are engaged in a monstrous conspiracy to stamp out freedom all over the world. If they were to succeed, the United States would be numbered among their principal victims. The USA cannot, and will not, sit idly by. The only question is: when is the best time to meet the threat and how? It is easier to put out a fire when it is small than after it has become a roaring blaze.

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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 US involvement in the Korean War?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The USA and USSR had fundamentally different aims at the Yalta and Potsdam Conferences.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

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'The increase in Cold War tensions, in the years 1954 to 1961, was mainly due to the space race.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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