

AS HISTORY

The Cold War, c1945–1991

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

Wednesday 25 May 2016 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** 02 **or** 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 AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From the address made by President Harry S Truman to the US Congress on 12 March 1947, announcing the Truman Doctrine.

The very existence of the Greek state is today threatened by the terrorist activities led by communists. Greece must have assistance if it is to become a self-supporting and self-respecting democracy. The United States must supply that assistance. At the present moment in world history nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life. The choice is too often not a free one. I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures. I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way.

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Source B

From an article printed in the Soviet newspaper 'Izvestia' on 17 March 1947, in response to the announcement of the Truman Doctrine.

Whatever arguments are used to justify American claims to domination in Greece, they cannot be justified by a defence of the freedom and independence of the Greek people. What is so-called 'American responsibility' but a smokescreen for a plan of expansion? Justifications to the effect that the USA is called upon to 'save' Greece from the expansion of so-called 'totalitarian' states, are not new. Hitler also blamed the Bolsheviks when he wanted to open the road to conquests for himself. Now the Americans try to take Greece under their control and by raising a clamour about 'totalitarianism' attempt to disguise their plans of expansion.

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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 Truman Doctrine?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The main reason why the United States entered the Korean War was in order to defend South Korea.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Khrushchev's policies in the years 1955 to 1961 ensured that there was no Cold War confrontation in Europe.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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