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**History**

**Advanced**  
**Unit 3**  
**Option E: War and Peace: Twentieth Century International Relations**

Wednesday 16 June 2010 – Afternoon <b>Time: 2 hours</b>	Paper Reference <b>6HI03/E</b>
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**You must have:**  
Sources Insert (enclosed) 

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### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are two sections in this question paper. Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B on the topic for which you have been prepared.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in ALL your responses  
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**6HI03/E – War and Peace: Twentieth Century International Relations**

**SECTION A**

**Answer ONE question in Section A on the topic for which you have been prepared.**

**You should start the answer to your chosen question in Section A on page 3.  
Section B begins on page 11.**

**E1 – The World in Crisis, 1879–1941**

**Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.**

**EITHER**

- 1** To what extent was the accelerating European arms race after 1900 responsible for the outbreak of the First World War?

**(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** ‘The disarmament policies pursued by the major powers in the years 1921–33 had little success.’ How far do you agree with this view?

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**

**E2 – A World Divided: Superpower Relations, 1944–90**

**Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.**

**EITHER**

- 3** How far did ‘peaceful coexistence’ ease Cold War tensions between the Soviet Union and the USA in the years 1953–61?

**(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** To what extent was the deterioration in Sino-Soviet relations in the years 1958–69 due to personal rivalries?

**(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS**





















**SECTION B**

**Answer ONE question in Section B on the topic for which you have been prepared.**

**You should start the answer to your chosen question in Section B on page 13.**

**E1 – The World in Crisis, 1879–1941**

**Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert.  
Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.**

**EITHER**

**5 Use Sources 1, 2 and 3 and your own knowledge.**

How far do you agree with the view that, during the inter-war period, the League of Nations was undermined mainly by defects in its own constitution?

Explain your answer, using Sources 1, 2 and 3 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

**(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)**

**OR**

**6 Use Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge.**

'The war of 1939, far from being premeditated, was a mistake, the result on both sides of diplomatic blunders' (Source 4, lines 36–38). How far do you agree with this opinion?

Explain your answer, using Sources 4, 5 and 6 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

**(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)**



**E2 – A World Divided: Superpower Relations, 1944–90**

**Study the relevant sources in the Sources Insert.  
Answer EITHER Question 7 OR Question 8.**

**EITHER**

**7 Use Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge.**

How far do you agree with the view that the development of the Cold War in the years 1945–48 owed more to Soviet expansionism than to the USA's economic interests?

Explain your answer, using Sources 7, 8 and 9 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

**OR**

**8 Use Sources 10, 11 and 12 and your own knowledge.**

How far do you agree with the view that the Cold War came to an end because of mounting economic pressure on the Soviet Union during the 1980s?

Explain your answer, using Sources 10, 11 and 12 and your own knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

**(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS**

















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