

A6: Superpower Relations, 1945-90

Answer ONE question only from this section.
You must answer Part (a) and Part (b) of the question you choose.

11. (a) Part (a) of this question is about *détente* after 1963. The photograph below shows President Gorbachev and President Reagan. Look at the photograph below and then answer all the questions which follow.



- (i) What was meant by ‘peaceful co-existence’? (3)
- (ii) Describe the key features of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT I and SALT II). (5)
- (iii) Why did relations between the USA and the USSR worsen following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan? (5)
- (iv) In what ways did President Gorbachev attempt to end the Cold War? (7)

(Total marks: 20)

ESSAY QUESTION

(b) Part (b) of this question is about the development of the Cold War in the years 1947-62.

(i) Why had a Cold War developed by 1949? **(10)**

(ii) Describe how relations between the USA and USSR changed in the years 1955-62. **(15)**

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

1955 Warsaw Pact
1956 Hungarian Uprising
1961 Berlin Wall
1962 Cuban Missile Crisis

(Total marks: 25)

(Total for Part (a) and Part (b): 45 marks)

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If you have answered Question 11 do NOT answer Question 12.

12. (a) Part (a) of this question is about the development of the Cold War in the years 1945-56. The photograph below shows the Leaders of the Allies at Yalta in 1945. Study the photograph and then answer all the questions which follow.



- (i) Give ONE reason to explain why the leaders of the Allies met at Yalta in 1945. (3)
- (ii) Describe the key features of the Potsdam Conference. (5)
- (iii) Why was Berlin blockaded by the Soviet Union in 1948? (5)
- (iv) Why was the Hungarian Uprising in 1956 crushed by the Soviet Union? (7)

(Total marks: 20)

ESSAY QUESTION

(b) Part (b) of this question is about Cold War and *détente*.

- (i) Why was there such a major crisis between the Superpowers over Cuba in 1962? **(10)**
- (ii) In what ways did relations between the USA and USSR change in the years 1979-90? **(15)**

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

1979 Invasion of Afghanistan
1980s USA threatens to develop 'Star Wars'
Roles of Reagan and Gorbachev
1986 INF treaty signed

(Total marks: 25)

(Total for Part (a) and Part (b): 45 marks)