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# History

Unit 2: The Cold War 1945–1991

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TUESDAY 7 JUNE, MORNING



### TIME

1 hour 15 minutes.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.  
 Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.  
 Answer **two** questions.  
 Answer **all** of Section A and **one** question from Section B.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50.  
 Quality of written communication will be assessed in Section B.  
 Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.  
 A Resource Booklet referring to Question 1 accompanies this paper.

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For question 1 refer to the source material in the Resource Booklet.

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### Section A

Answer **all** of this section

**1 This question is about Challenges to the USSR’s Control of Eastern Europe: The Hungarian Uprising, 1956.**

**(a) Study Source A**

Give **two** reasons from this source to show why Khrushchev changed the policy of the USSR towards Eastern Europe.

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**(b) Study Source B**

Give **three** reasons from this source which explain why there was an uprising against communist control in Hungary in 1956.

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**(c) Study Source B**

How reliable is **Source B** in explaining the reasons for the challenge to the USSR's control over Hungary in 1956?

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(d) Using the **sources** and **your own knowledge**, explain why there are different views about the reasons for challenges to the USSR’s control over Hungary in 1956.

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**Section B**

Answer **one** of the following questions

**2 This question is about the Korean War, 1950–1953.**

Explain how the USA and China became involved in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953.

Use the paragraph headings to help you with your answer.

**(a) The USA and Korea: Containment and the Domino Theory**

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**(b)** Actions of the USA and the UN army in Korea, 1950–1953

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**(c)** China's fears and actions

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**3 This question is about the Vietnam War, 1964–1975.**

Explain the actions of the US army and the Viet Cong in the Vietnam War between 1964 and 1975.

Use the paragraph headings to help you with your answer.

**(a) Tactics and actions of the US army, 1964–1968**

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**4 This question is about events in Europe between 1945 and 1949.**

Explain how events in Europe affected relations between the USA and the USSR between 1945 and 1949.

Use the paragraph headings to help you with your answer.

**(a)** The USSR's fears and the Iron Curtain

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**RESOURCE  
BOOKLET**

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## Source Materials: Challenges to the USSR's Control of Eastern Europe: The Hungarian Uprising, 1956

### Source A: Khrushchev, writing in 1970

We had to keep control of Eastern Europe for our own safety. I wanted to reduce spending on weapons. That would mean that we could improve the living standards of ordinary Russians and of the people living in Eastern Europe. This was something that we had to do if we wanted to keep their support. We could not expect people to believe that communism is a good thing if they could not afford to buy shoes or good food after years of communist rule. Stalin had treated the people with cruelty and brutality. We could not continue to rule like this.

© Khrushchev Remembers, author Nikita S Khrushchev, published by Little, Brown, Boston, 1970

### Source B: A Hungarian student speaking in 1956

Living standards are falling and yet the papers and radio keep saying that we've never had it so good. Why? Why these lies? Everybody knows the state is sending the food we grow and the goods we produce to the Russians. Anyone who criticises the USSR and the communist system can expect a visit from the AVH (secret police). The Russians forbid the teaching of our own history and culture in our schools and universities. How do they expect us to support such a system? I believe that the communist system is wrong and stupid and we must break free.

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### Source C: A British historian writing in 2001

Demonstrations and riots against the strict pro-Russian government of Rakosi took place in Hungary between 23rd October and 4th November 1956. Large numbers joined these demonstrations. They demanded free elections and an end to Russian control. When the new communist leader Imre Nagy stated that Hungary would leave the Warsaw Pact, Khrushchev reacted angrily. He stated, "The USSR will use all means to bring this crisis to an end. The USSR cannot at any cost allow a break in Eastern Europe (the Iron Curtain)".

On 4th November a large Russian army invaded Hungary and thousands were killed in the bitter fighting that followed.

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