History A (The Making of the Modern World)
Unit 1: International Relations: The Era of the Cold War, 1943–91

Monday 6 June 2016 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 53.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets — use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• Questions labelled with an asterisk (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed — you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
• The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Turn over
SECTION A

Answer Question 1, Question 2 and Question 3.

Question 1

Study Source A.

Source A: From a school textbook, written in 1987. It is describing the background to the Hungarian Uprising in 1956.

Nagy became prime minister of Hungary in 1953 and held the position for two years. He wanted less harsh methods of controlling Hungary than those of Rakosi. However, Nagy made little progress in improving Hungary’s economy and Rakosi became leader again. The victims of Rakosi’s Secret Police probably amounted to 2,000 executed and 200,000 imprisoned. In October 1956, the Hungarian people rebelled against the harshness of Rakosi’s methods. Many Hungarians began to think that after Khrushchev’s ‘Secret Speech’ there could be real changes in their country.

1 Give two reasons from Source A which show why ‘the Hungarian people rebelled against the harshness of Rakosi’s methods’.

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(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)
2 Outline two steps that Khrushchev took to end the Hungarian Uprising. (4)

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(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)
Question 3

Study Sources B and C.

Source B: From a speech made by President Reagan in West Berlin on 12 June 1987.

Secretary Gorbachev, come here! Tear down this wall!

We in the West must resist Soviet expansion, so we must maintain our defences. 10 years ago, the Soviets challenged the Western alliance with hundreds of deadly nuclear missiles, capable of striking every capital city in Europe. The Western alliance stood firm and, because we remained strong, we now have the possibility of eliminating many nuclear weapons. But, while we support arms reductions, I promise you that we will still keep the ability to deter any Soviet aggression. The United States is continuing to develop the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Source C: From Gorbachev’s letter accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in December 1990. The letter was broadcast around the world.

When I agreed to become General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1985, I realised we needed to make major changes. There was much to do. The Soviet Union was declining economically and was falling hopelessly behind the technologically advanced part of the world. There was also the East-West confrontation to consider.

I assure you that the leadership of the USSR will continue to ensure that future developments in the world are based on openness, trust, and international law.
3 How useful are Sources B and C as evidence of the reasons for the changing attitude of Gorbachev in the ‘Second Cold War’?

Explain your answer, using Sources B and C and your own knowledge.

(10)
SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 4(a) OR Question 4(b).

EITHER

4 (a) Describe the key features of the formation of the Warsaw Pact, 1955. (6)

OR

4 (b) Describe the key features of the Prague Spring reforms, 1968. (6)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☐.

Chosen Question Number:  Question 4(a) ☐ Question 4(b) ☐
Answer Question 5.

5 Explain the importance of three of the following in international relations.

- The Potsdam Conference, 1945
- The Marshall Plan, 1947
- The Helsinki Agreements, 1975
- The Carter Doctrine, 1980

(Total for each part = 5 marks)

(Total for Question 5 = 15 marks)
Indicate your FIRST choice on this page.

Indicate which part you are answering by marking a cross in the box. If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new topic with a cross.

The Potsdam Conference, 1945
The Marshall Plan, 1947
The Helsinki Agreements, 1975
The Carter Doctrine, 1980
Indicate your SECOND choice on this page.

Indicate which part you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new topic with a cross ☐.

The Potsdam Conference, 1945 ☐
The Marshall Plan, 1947 ☐
The Helsinki Agreements, 1975 ☐
The Carter Doctrine, 1980 ☐
Indicate your THIRD choice on this page.

Indicate which part you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☐. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☐ and then indicate your new topic with a cross ☒.

The Potsdam Conference, 1945
The Marshall Plan, 1947
The Helsinki Agreements, 1975
The Carter Doctrine, 1980
Answer Question 6.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in this question.

*6 Explain why Berlin was a flashpoint in the Cold War in the years 1958–63. (13)

You may use the following in your answer.

- The refugee problem
- The construction of the Berlin Wall

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