

## THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR

### Checklist

Make sure you:

- Know the structure of the exam paper
- Understand the concepts related to the theme
- Apply the skills to analyse different types of sources
- Are able to construct a coherent argument using evidence in an extended writing question

### Overview of Paper

#### HISTORY PAPER 1

MARKS: 150

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions and information

This question paper consists of SIX (6) questions

#### SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

##### Question 1 The Cold War:

How did the Cold War period shape international relations after the Second World War?

Question focus: Origins of the Cold War

- USSR and USA and the creation of spheres of interest
- Who was to blame for the Cold War?

##### Question 2 Independent Africa:

How was independence realised in Africa in the 1960s and 1970s?

- Question focus: Africa in the Cold War  
Case Study: Angola

##### Question 3 Civil society protests, 1950s to 1970s:

What forms of civil society protest emerged from the 1960s to 1990?

- Question focus: The US Civil rights movement

#### ESSAYS

##### Question 4 The Extension of the Cold War:

Question focus: Case Study: Vietnam

##### Question 5 Independent Africa:

How was independence realised in Africa in the 1960s and 1970s?

Question focus: Comparative case studies on the Congo and Tanzania

Successes and challenges

##### Question 6 Civil society protests from the 1950s to the 1970s:

- What forms of civil society protest emerged from the 1960s to 1990?
- Question focus: Black Power movements

**Exam Questions****Question 1**

(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.1)

Refer to Source 1A.

- 1.1 Name the TWO ways of life a nation must choose, according to Truman. (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.2 Explain the following historical concepts in the context of the Cold War:
- (a) Freedom of speech (1 x 2) (2)
- (b) Political oppression (1 x 2) (2)
- 1.3 What did Truman hope to achieve by giving economic and financial aid to 'free peoples'? (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.4 How, according to Truman, would the fall of Greece affect Turkey? (1 x 2) (2)
- 1.5 Comment on whether a historian doing research on the Cold War would consider the information in this source to be a reliable piece of historical evidence. (2 x 2) (4)

**Question 2**

(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.3)

Refer to Source 1C

- 2.1 Why did Vyshinsky claim that America had violated the principles of the United Nations? (1 x 2) (2)
- 2.2 Explain why Vyshinsky criticised the Marshall Plan. Give valid reasons for your answer. (2 x 2) (4)
- 2.3 Comment on why an American politician would disagree with the information in this source. (2 x 2) (4)

**Question 3**

(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.4)

Study Source 1D.

- 3.1 Explain the messages the cartoon conveys regarding the Marshall Plan. (2 x 2) (4)
- 3.2 Comment on whether the cartoonist gives a one-sided view about the Marshall Plan. Use the visual clues in the source to support your answer. (2 x 2) (4)

### Source 1A

This is an excerpt from a speech by US President, Harry S Truman, delivered on 12 March 1947, which focuses on the reasons why the Truman Doctrine was implemented.

At the present moment in world history nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life. The choice is often a free one. One way of life is based on the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion and freedom from political oppression. The second way of life is based on the will of the minority forcibly imposed on the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed election and the suppression of personal freedom.

I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation (suppression) by armed minorities or outside pressures ... I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political process ...

It is necessary only to glance at a map to realise that the survival and integrity of the Greek nation are of a grave importance in a much wider situation. If Greece should fall under the control of an armed minority, the effect upon its neighbour, Turkey, would be immediate and serious. Confusion and disorder might spread through the entire Middle East ...

*[From: Public Papers (US Government Printing Office, Washington DC, 1947) by Harry Truman]*

### Source 1C

Andrei Vyshinsky, a Russian foreign ministry official, had the following opinion about the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan:

The so-called Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan are particularly glaring examples of the manner in which the principles of the United Nations are violated, of the way in which the organisation is ignored.

... the United States government has moved towards a direct renunciation (rejection) of the principles of international collaboration and concerned action by the great powers and towards attempts to impose its will on other independent states, while at the same time obviously using the economic resources distributed as relief to individual needy nations as an instrument of political pressure ... The United States also counted on making all these countries directly dependent on the interests of American monopolies, which are striving to avert (turn away) the approaching depression by an accelerated export of commodities and capital to Europe.

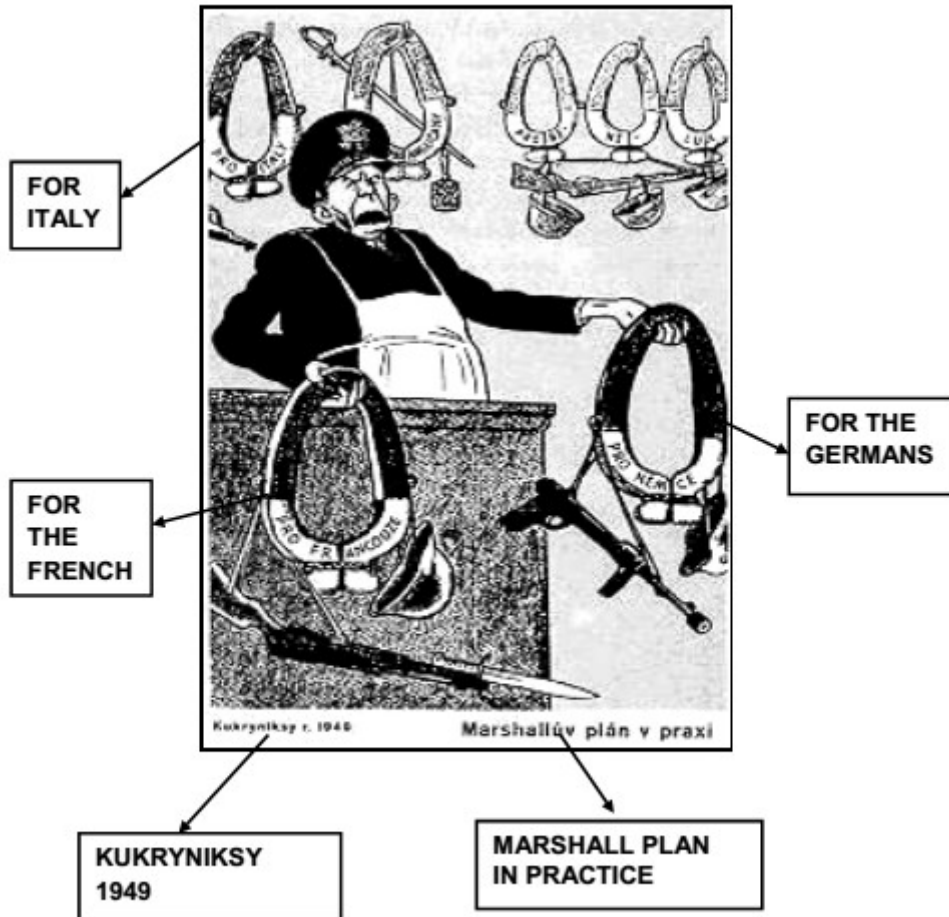
It is becoming more and more evident to everyone that the implementation of the Marshall Plan will mean placing European countries under the economic and political control of the USA and direct interference by the latter in the international affairs of these countries. Moreover, this plan is an attempt to split Europe into two camps and with the help of the United Kingdom and France, to complete the formation of a bloc of several European countries hostile to the interests of the democratic countries of Eastern Europe and most particularly to the interests of the Soviet Union.

*[From: <http://www.slantchev.ucsd.edu/courses/nss/documents/vyshinsky-criticism-of-trumandoctrine.html>. Accessed on 21 September 2013]*



**Source 1D**

This cartoon was published in the Soviet Union magazine, Krokodil, in 1949. It was drawn by the team of Russian artists called 'Kukryniksy'. The title of the cartoon is 'Marshall Plan in Practice'. General Marshall holds life belts labelled 'For the French' and 'For the Germans' and, behind Marshall, 'For Italy'. (The words in the cartoon have been translated from Russian into English.)



[From: [www.jhnclare.riet/cold-war8.htm](http://www.jhnclare.riet/cold-war8.htm). Accessed on 23 September 2013]

## SOLUTIONS TO THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR

### Question 1

*(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.1)*

- 1.1 One way of life is based on the will of the majority (democracy)  
 The other way is based on the will of the minority that is forcibly imposed on the majority (authoritarian) (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.2 a) A state and democratic system (as in the USA) in which citizens were allowed to state their views or opinions (exercise their freedom of expression) regarding issues of the government that affected them.  
 A system in which citizens are allowed to criticise the government without fear of being arrested and charged. (1 x 2) (2)
- b) A system of government (as in the Soviet Union) which was based 'on the will of the minority', that relied upon terror and oppression upon the majority, in retaining the same political leadership.  
 A state system in which the citizens of a country feels that their human rights are not respected and that they are oppressed by the will of the leaders. (1 x 2) (2)
- 1.3 Economic stability  
 Orderly political system  
 Hoped to prevent the spread of communism (any 2 x 1) (2)
- 1.4 Turkey's fall would be immediate and serious  
 Turkey would also be taken over by the Communists  
 The Domino Theory would apply  
 Confusion and disorder would spread in the Middle East
- 1.5 Candidates should indicate why it is RELIABLE or NOT RELIABLE and support their response with relevant evidence.

#### RELIABLE

Words from a speech presented by Truman (the US President)

It was at the time (1947) when capitalism and communism were competing in expanding their sphere of influence.

The Truman doctrine became USA's official government policy

Greek civil war was fought between Greek government (supported by the UK and USA) and Greek Communist Party (supported by USSR)

#### NOT RELIABLE

Could be seen as biased – It is the American President's view

Only communism seen as threat (any 2 x 2) (4)

## Question 2

*(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.3)*

- 2.1 United Nations were not informed or consulted about the implementation of an international programme (the recovery plans).  
United States had not collaborated with other countries before announcing the Marshall Plan.  
Vyshinsky sees US actions as an attempt to interfere in the internal politics of independent states (any 1 x 2) (2)
- 2.2 It was an American programme It would ensure economic control by the USA  
It would ensure political control by USA Europe would be split into two camps  
USA would interfere in internal affairs of other countries (any 2 x 2) (4)
- 2.3 It gives a biased view of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan  
The information in the source is too critical about the USA's role in Europe  
Vyshinsky does not state that the USA was merely trying to assist Europe with its economic problems – highly critical of the USA's role (any 2 x 2) (4)

## Question 3

*(Adapted from Exemplar 2014, Paper 1, Question 1.4)*

- 3.1 USA is shown as a powerful and commanding force in Europe – it has been drawn as the captain of the ship  
America is offering economic aid through the Marshall plan but in essence it meant that the USA will ensure they are obligated to their military imperialism  
Cartoon shows military aid – guns and helmets being distributed and not any economic aid as Marshall claimed would be given.  
The life belts can be interpreted as a means of control over countries and not just economical help  
The USA is seen as saving Europe – Marshall is depicted as handing out lifebelts which are usually thrown to save people who are drowning  
The life belts are given to European countries with strings attached (military aid)  
Any other relevant response (any 2 x 2) (4)
- 3.2 Candidates should use VISUAL CLUES to detect bias in the cartoon.  
YES: Marshall's face looks 'evil' – and is not offering gifts out of kindness  
He is giving away harnesses, not money  
Life belts that were given by the USA and had strings attached – it came with military aid too  
Guns, swords and helmets are attached to the life belts and symbolise military control  
The cartoonist implies that the real aim was to extend the sphere of influence  
Cartoon published in Czechoslovakia as propaganda – message not to use US aid  
Any other relevant response
- NO: It depicts the Marshall plan the way it was – it was a form of economic and political support to other countries  
Other countries needed support from the USA  
Any other relevant response (any 2 x 2) (4)