

## AS HISTORY

The Cold War, c1945–1991

Component 2R To the brink of Nuclear War: international relations,  
c1945–1963

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Monday 20 May 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2R.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

From a speech by Andrei Zhdanov, a high ranking Soviet official, to communist delegates from across Europe at the founding of Cominform, September 1947.

The vague and deliberately misleading provisions of the proposed Marshall Plan amount, in essence, to a scheme to create blocs bound by obligations to the United States; it grants American money to European countries in return for giving up their economic, and then political, independence. Moreover, the key aim of the Marshall Plan is the restoration of the industrial areas of Western Germany controlled by American monopolies. 5

The Communists now have the special historic task of leading the resistance to the American plan for the takeover of Europe, and of boldly denouncing all those who assist American imperialism in their own countries.

**Source B**

From a speech by the US Secretary of State, George Marshall, to the committee considering the implementation of the Marshall Plan, 10 November 1947.

Congress will soon be called upon to make decisions which will be important for the future of our country and the world. Your responsibilities are accordingly very great.

The need for our assistance in Europe is real and it is urgent. You all, I am sure, are aware of the grave world situation and the immense responsibility which has been placed upon our country. 5

This economic program seeks no special advantage and pursues no sinister purpose. It is a program of construction, production and recovery. It menaces no one. It is designed to bring to an end, in the shortest possible time, the dependence of these countries upon aid from the United States. We wish to see them self-supporting.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the purpose of the Marshall Plan?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

**0 2** 'Eisenhower's foreign policy in the years 1953 to 1959 marked a change in how the US dealt with the Soviet Union.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'Developments in Hungary and Berlin made no difference to superpower relations in the years 1956 to 1961.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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