

AS HISTORY

The Cold War, c1945–1991

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

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.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a statement given to the press in Paris on the day before the Paris Summit, by Nikita Khrushchev, 16 May 1960.

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Source B

From a confidential government report on the Paris Summit by the US Bureau of Intelligence and Research, 25 July 1960.

Khrushchev probably never considered the summit conference as an opportunity to strengthen Détente. He envisaged it as an opportunity for advancing Soviet foreign policy interests. The conference would probably have continued had the U2 Incident not occurred, although had the USA been forced to acknowledge the flights at the conference, Moscow would gain an important psychological advantage. However, Khrushchev is likely to have calculated that if the conference collapsed, relatively little would be lost. The USSR could have chosen to play down the incident until the summit was underway, but faced with the prospect of no tangible gains at the summit, Khrushchev welcomed the U2 Incident and the collapse of the summit as a means of scoring personal success.

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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 failure of the Paris Summit?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'It was Stalin who was responsible for the division of Germany by 1949.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The escalation of the conflict in Vietnam, in the years 1958 to 1963, was due to the actions of the USA rather than those of North Vietnam.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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