

**Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level**

**Friday 25 January 2019**

Morning

Paper Reference **WHI04/1C**

## **History**

**International Advanced**

**Paper 4: International Study with Historical Interpretations**

**Option 1C: The World Divided: Superpower Relations, 1943–90**

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### Extracts for use with Section A.

**Extract 1:** From M Walker, *The Cold War*, published in 1994.

It was in the years 1947–48 that the Cold War became a reality. It was strangely like a game of tennis, with shots going back and forth across the net. The United States opened the game by proposing the Marshall Plan. The Soviets returned by organising the Cominform and encouraging industrial strikes in Western Europe to stop the Plan. The US rushed food to Europe to counter this. 5  
Realising their Western European effort had failed, the Soviets responded by establishing firm control in Eastern Europe with the coup in Czechoslovakia. The Western powers' reply was to militarise what had until now been an economic relationship with Western Europe. The armed camps began to mobilise under their two opposing banners. 10

In February 1948, British, French and US officials met to discuss a joint plan to treat all three of their zones in Germany as a single economic unit. On 7 June, they called on the West German provinces to convene the constitutional assembly which led to the West German state. On 18 June, currency reform and the creation of the Deutschmark was announced. The division of Europe was complete, save for the two isolated cities of Vienna and Berlin, still inside the Soviet zone. On 23 June, the Western powers announced that the Deutschmark would also be introduced into their sectors of West Berlin and, on the following day, the Soviets announced their blockade of the city. Open war, or at least, direct military confrontation, was very close. 15  
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**Extract 2:** From M Dobbs, *Six Months in 1945: From World War to Cold War*, published in 2013.

Most of the significant events of the early Cold War can be traced back to the six-month period between February and August 1945. These were the months that saw the death of Roosevelt, the end of World War II, the disintegration of the anti-Hitler alliance, and the division of Europe into rival political blocs.

The Communist-led Czechoslovak coup (1948) followed a pattern established in Romania in the weeks immediately following Yalta, with the Communists using their control over the police and security forces to seize complete power. Truman's support for pro-western governments in Greece and Turkey (1947) followed on from his earlier resistance to Soviet plans to acquire military bases in the eastern Mediterranean. The Berlin Blockade (1948–49) had its origins in the squabbles at the time of the Potsdam conference over the access rights to the city by the Western powers. 25  
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The temporary territorial arrangements hammered out by the Big Three at Yalta and Potsdam became the front lines of the Cold War. A mile-wide no-man's-land overflowing with guard posts and coils of barbed wire snaked across the European continent, marking what Churchill had already labelled the 'iron curtain'. 35

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**You must have:**

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Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

## Advice

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

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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS**



## SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

**EITHER**

- 2 How far do you agree that, in the years 1953–64, developments in nuclear warfare capability increased US-Soviet tensions significantly?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

**OR**

- 3 How significant was the breakdown of Soviet control over Eastern Europe in bringing the Cold War to an end?

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