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HISTORY

HS1H

Unit 1

**Alternative H: The Emergence of the Super-Powers and
the New World Order, 1900–1962**

Wednesday 6 June 2007 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HS1H.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

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Source B The creation of India in August 1947 was followed by the granting of independence to Burma in January 1948. In May 1948 Britain left Palestine. In all these areas Britain was no longer able to maintain order and the advantages gained from empire were far outweighed by the costs.

- 5 Strategic arguments for holding these parts of the Empire seemed irrelevant. As Hugh Dalton, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, commented on Palestine, 'you cannot have a secure base on top of a wasps' nest'.

Adapted from D REYNOLDS, *Britannia Overruled*, 2000

Source C

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- (a) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

Explain briefly the importance of 'seizing British markets' (line 2) in the context of Britain's international status by 1919. *(3 marks)*

- (b) Use **Sources B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

Explain how the views put forward in **Source B** differ from those in **Source C** about Britain's attitude towards its empire after the Second World War. *(7 marks)*

- (c) Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

Explain the importance of the economic impact of the First World War, in relation to other factors, in Britain's decline as a great power by 1950. *(15 marks)*

Turn over for the next question

EITHER 2 Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

In 1947 the Russians saw Marshall Aid as an attempt to create an American economic empire in eastern Europe.

Adapted from O EDWARDS, *The USA and the Cold War*, 1997

- (a) Explain briefly what was meant by an 'economic empire' in the context of the Soviet Union's attitude towards the United States by 1947. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why the Soviet Union blockaded Berlin in 1948. (7 marks)
- (c) 'It was the United States' monopoly of nuclear weapons that was the main reason for the development of the Cold War in the years 1945 to 1949.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (15 marks)

OR 3 Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

From a speech given by Khrushchev in December 1962 to the Supreme Soviet.

The revolution in Cuba was met with hostility from the imperialists in the United States of America.

- (a) Explain briefly what was meant by 'imperialists' in the context of the Soviet Union's attitude towards the United States in 1962. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why the US government supported the Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. (7 marks)
- (c) 'The Soviet Union's main objective in its relationship with Cuba was to spread communist ideology.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. (15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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