

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



HISTORY

Unit 6W

Alternative H: The United Nations, 1945–1989

HS6H

Friday 22 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 HS6H.
- Answer **all** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- 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 part (c).

Answer **all** questions.

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

Source A In the Congo crisis the Secretary-General was given executive control. He created an advisory committee in order to help him interpret the directions given by the Security Council. Acting in this way the UN became the prime factor in preserving the unity and integrity of the new state and in preventing foreign intervention and perhaps a clash between major powers. It also alleviated human distress by containing civil war, minimising bloodshed, helping refugees and providing a range of basic medical services.

Adapted from P CALVOCORESSI, *World Politics Since 1945*, 1991

Source B The growing membership of the UN reduced its capacity for joint action. As its size increased, the organisation became less homogeneous. In 1960 seventeen new states joined the UN, nearly all of them African. By 1985 over half the members came from Africa and Asia; in 1945, less than a quarter came from these two regions, and their domination increased. Between 1960 and 1989, the UN experienced considerable disunity, which proved to be a great obstacle to collective action.

Adapted from C KEGLEY and E WITTKOPF, *World Politics, Trend and Transformation*, 2001

Source C By 1973 détente dictated an unprecedented level of superpower co-operation. On 6 October Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel. A UN Emergency Force was authorised by the Security Council on 25 October and was quickly deployed between the Egyptian and Israeli lines in Sinai. It was, in all meaningful respects, an American-Soviet initiative. The key players in its creation were Kissinger and the Soviet foreign minister, Andrei Gromyko. The role of the UN Secretary-General was in a real sense merely a secondary one.

Adapted from N MACQUEEN, *The United Nations since 1945*, 1999

Source D There can be no doubt that the UN's presence in Cyprus since 1964 has defused dangerous local frictions, damped down outbreaks of fighting, negotiated local ceasefires and withdrawals – in short, saved lives and property within the limitations of a 'non-threatening' mandate. Cyprus is the only problem on the UN agenda which was to all intents and purposes untouched by the Cold War.

Adapted from A PARSONS, *From Cold War to Hot Peace: UN Interventions 1947–1994*, 1995

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

Assess the validity of the view in **Source A** about the involvement of the United Nations in the Congo in the years 1960 to 1964. *(10 marks)*

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

How useful is **Source B** as evidence of the causes of disunity within the United Nations? *(10 marks)*

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

‘The United Nations has never been an effective peacekeeper.’
Assess the validity of this view of the United Nations in the years 1956 to 1989. *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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