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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level

Monday 20 January 2025

Morning (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **WHI04/1C**

History

International Advanced

PAPER 4: International Study with Historical Interpretations

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

You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

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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SECTION A

Answer Question 1. Write your answer in the space provided.

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

- 1** How far do you agree with the view that the Cold War began as a result of a propaganda war that developed between the United States and the Soviet Union after the Second World War?

Explain your answer using Extracts 1 and 2 and your knowledge of the issues related to this controversy.

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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 accurate is it to say that under President Kennedy (1961–63) there was a significant change in US-Soviet relations from the US-Soviet relations that existed under President Eisenhower (1953–60)?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** How far do you agree that, in the years 1985–90, the most significant factor in bringing the Cold War to an end was the impact of economic problems within the USSR?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

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Extracts for use with Section A.

Extract 1: From R B Levering, *The Cold War: A Post-Cold War History*, published in 1994.

Post-1945, relations between the USA and the Soviet Union were harmed by developments in propaganda on both sides. Within a year of the Second World War ending, the Americans and the Russians saw each other in exactly the same way, as being threatening and expansionist and pushing the world towards a new war. 5

Many Americans believed that Stalin was another Hitler determined on world domination and a ruthless dictator likely to take advantage of any attempts at compromise. Thousands of people who influenced public opinion in America, in journalism, politics, business and religion also thought so. Americans also viewed the United States as having special qualities that made it superior to other nations. They believed that American involvement in the Second World War had shown America as the hope of the world, with its selfless commitment to peace, justice and prosperity. Western Europe cautiously accepted this proposition, the Russians did not. 10

The Russians believed that they were the only power that could secure the world from the threat of capitalism and imperialism. In increasingly hostile official statements in leading newspapers and elsewhere, the Russians declared the superiority of their own political system, and its eventual triumph over corrupt capitalism. They also stated that the West was preparing to destroy the Soviet way of life. But it was Soviet malicious disinformation, frequent rudeness and deviousness in diplomatic gatherings and highly publicised spying in the West that actually seemed to inspire anti-Russian feeling. 15 20



Extract 2: From A J P Taylor, *The Cold War*, published in 1995.

The Cold War was deliberately started by Truman in 1945. Roosevelt was a man of world vision who had looked to delay any final settlements with Russia until the Allied victory. Truman saw things differently. He had an anti-Soviet past and anti-Soviet advisers. Truman also had narrow-minded impatience with anyone who failed to acknowledge American power. Russian insistence on equality with the USA made Truman want a showdown almost immediately he became President. 25

Truman had thought the showdown with Stalin would come at the Potsdam Conference, but Potsdam came too soon for Truman to assure success. Truman made the tactical decision to postpone the confrontation until the atom bomb was dropped. Truman thought that he would soon hold all the power. However, all that a Cold War-focused Truman achieved was to ensure that Soviet policy also became Cold War focused. 30 35

The Cold War was intentionally provoked. It was intended to be short-lived. Truman and his accomplices calculated that Soviet Russia would run away once the bomb had gone off. They underestimated Soviet stubbornness. They also misjudged the impact of the bomb on the Soviets. The Americans intended to terrify the Russians. When the Russians refused to be terrified, the Americans had to make out that they themselves were terrified in order to push up the levels of alarm. 40

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Extract 1: *The Cold War: A Post-Cold War History* by Ralph B. Levering © Harlan Davidson Inc, 1994

Extract 2: *The Cold War Spreads from the Boer War to the Cold War: Essays on Twentieth Century Europe* by A J P Taylor © Hamish Hamilton Ltd - Eva Taylor, 1995

