



THE IMPACT OF THE COLD WAR

24 SEPTEMBER 2013

17:00 – 18:00

Checklist

Make sure you know how to:

- Creation of spheres of influence
- Capitalism vs. Communism
 - NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
 - Marshal Plan vs. COMMECON
 - Containment vs. Expansion (Truman Doctrine)
 - Balance of power vs. MAD
 - (Mutually Assured Destruction)
- Regional conflicts
 - Korea
 - Vietnam
 - Afghanistan
- Focus - Cuba
 - Civil War - Castro seizes power
 - Bay of Pigs Fiasco
 - Castro and Khrushchev
 - Kennedy
 - Missile Crisis
 - Naval Blockade
 - Outcomes

Questions

Question 1

(Adapted from Nov 2012, Paper 1, Question 1.1)

Study Source 1 and then answer the questions that follow.

Source 1

The source below consists of two extracts which focus on the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Extract 1: This is Andrei Gromyko's view, the Soviet Union's foreign secretary, of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The United States over several years had established offensive military bases around the socialist countries and, primarily, near the USSR borders ... the placement of medium-range effective Soviet missiles in Cuba was undertaken only after the United States' ruling circles continually rejected proposals to remove American military bases, including missile sites, on foreign territory.

[From: Through Russian Eyes: President Kennedy's 1 036 Days by A Gromyko]



Extract 2: In 1984 Fidel Castro was interviewed by an American journalist, Tad Szulc. The journalist asked Castro why he was willing to allow Soviet missiles to be placed in Cuba.

It was necessary to make it clear to the United States that an invasion of Cuba would imply a war with the Soviet Union. It was then that they proposed the missiles ... We preferred the risks, whatever they were, of a great tension, a great crisis, to the risks of the impotence (inability) of having to await a United States invasion of Cuba.

[From: *The Cuban Missile Crisis – To the Brink of War* by PJ Byrne]

- 1.1 According to Extract 1, where did the USA establish military bases? (2 x 1) (2)
- 1.2 Why did the Soviet Union decide to place missiles in Cuba? (Extract 1) (1 x 2) (2)
- 1.3 As a historian, explain to what extent the information in Extract 1 may be regarded as biased. (1 x 3) (3)
- 1.4 Comment on whether Castro was justified in allowing the USSR to place missiles in Cuba. (Extract 2) (2 x 2) (4)
- 1.5 What, according to Castro, were the TWO risks that confronted Cuba? (Extract 2) (2 x 1) (2)

Question 2

(Adapted from Nov 2012, Paper 1, Question 1.2)

Study Source 2 and then answer the questions that follow.

Source 2

This was the main headline of The New York Times, 23 October 1962. It highlights the USA's blockade of Soviet missiles to Cuba.





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- 2.1 What message does the newspaper headline convey regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis? (1 x 2) (2)
- 2.2 How did The New York Times portray President Kennedy? (2 x 2) (4)
- 2.3 Explain how a devoted Soviet citizen would have responded to the newspaper headline. (2 x 2) (4)

Question 3

(Adapted from Nov 2012, Paper 1, Question 1.4)

Using ALL the sources and your own knowledge, write a paragraph of about EIGHT lines (about 80 words), explaining the impact that the Cuban Missile Crisis had on Khrushchev's political career. (8)

Question 4

(Adapted from Nov 2012, Paper 1, Question 1.5)

Answer ONE of the following questions: QUESTION 4.1 OR QUESTION 4.2.

- 4.1 Explain how the USSR and the USA contributed to Cold War tensions in Cuba. (30)
- 4.2 The Cuban Missile Crisis was the closest the world got to a full scale nuclear war. Do you agree with this statement? Using the information from ALL the sources and your own knowledge, write an essay to substantiate your answer. (30)