**Mid A-level mock 2020**

**Cold War c.1945-1963**

**What will be included in the exam?**

Section B: 2 x 25 mark questions (out of a choice of three)

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| **Section 1: The Origins of the Cold War c.1945-1949** |
| US, British and USSR relations in 1945 |
|  | * Conflicting ideologies
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|  | * Tensions at Yalta
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Relations between Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The breakdown of the Grand Alliance at Potsdam
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|  | * Relations between Truman, Stalin and Attlee
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| Developing tensions up to 1948 |
|  | * The Soviet Union and Eastern and Southern Europe
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Kennan’s Long Telegram
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Churchill’s Iron Curtain Speech
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|  | * The Greek Civil War
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|  | * The Truman Doctrine
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|  | * Cominform September 1947
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| The USA’s involvement in Europe |
|  | * The USA’s policy towards Britain and Europe
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The launch of the Marshall Plan, June 1947
 |  |  |  |
|  | * US attitudes to Germany and Berlin
 |  |  |  |
| Conflict over Germany, 1947-49 |
|  | * Developments in the zones
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Bizonia and currency reform
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Berlin Blockade, June 1948-May 1949
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The creation of East and West Germany
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The formation of NATO April 1949
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| **Section 2: The Widening of the Cold War, 1949-1955** |
| US containment in action in Asia |
|  | * The reconstruction of post-war Japan
 |  |  |  |
|  | * US-Japanese relations
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The USA’s support for Jiang Jieshi and policy towards China and Taiwan
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|  | * NSC-68
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| The Korean War, 1950-53 |
|  | * Causes of the Korean War
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The USSR and China’s support for North Korea
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Military involvement
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|  | * The settlement
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|  | * The impact of the Korean War
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| Increasing Cold War tensions |
|  | * McCarthyism in the USA
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The influence of McCarthyism on Britain and Europe
 |  |  |  |
|  | * US dominance in the United Nations
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The isolation of China
 |  |  |  |
| Alliances and shifts |
|  | * The expansion of alliance systems
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Eisenhower, Dulles and ‘brinkmanship’
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The domino theory and the US attitude to French Indochina
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Geneva Conference, July 1954
 |  |  |  |
| **Section 3: The Global War, 1955-1963** |
| Khrushchev and East-West relations, 1955-60 |
|  | * The impact of risings in Poland and Hungary
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The degree of ‘peaceful coexistence’
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Austrian State Treaty, 1955
 |  |  |  |
| Cold War rivalries, 1955-63 |
|  | * The extension of the arms race
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The space race, Sputnik and space flight
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Berlin Crisis
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| Conflict in Asia, 1955-63 |
|  | * Ho Chi Minh and North Vietnam
 |  |  |  |
|  | * Diem and South Vietnam
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Formation of the National Liberation Front
 |  |  |  |
|  | * President Kennedy’s policies towards Indochina
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The Strategic Hamlet Program, 1962
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The assassination of President Diem
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| Confrontation between the superpowers |
|  | * US attitudes to Cuba and developments leading to the missile crisis
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The 13 day crisis
 |  |  |  |
|  | * The significance of the crisis
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