

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2R The Cold War, c1945–1991**

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2R The Cold War, c1945–1991**
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2R**.

Part one: To the brink of Nuclear War: international relations, c1945– 1963

Section one: The Origins of the Cold War, c1945–1949

- US, British and USSR relations in 1945: conflicting ideologies; tensions at Yalta; relations between Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill; the breakdown of the Grand Alliance at Potsdam; relations between Stalin, Truman and Attlee

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- Developing tensions: the Soviet Union occupation/control of eastern and southern Europe; Kennan's Long Telegram; the Iron Curtain speech; Cominform; the Greek Civil War and the Truman Doctrine on containment
 - The USA's involvement in Europe: policy towards Britain and Europe; the launch of the Marshall Plan; US attitudes to Germany and Berlin
 - Conflict over Germany: developments within the sectors, including Bizonia and currency reform; the Berlin blockade; the creation of East and West Germany; formation of NATO

Section two: The widening of the Cold War 1949 – 1955

- N/A

Section three: The Global War 1955 – 1963

- Conflict in Asia: Indo-China under Ho Chi-Minh in the North and Diem in the South; formation of NLF; Kennedy's policies towards Indo-China and Diem's assassination

Part two: from Détente to the end of the Cold War, c1963–1991

Section four: Confrontation and cooperation, c1963–1972

- Nixon's policies in Vietnam: Vietnamisation; extension into Cambodia and Laos; relations with China; the beginning of the Paris peace talks
- Cooperation: attitudes of Khrushchev and Kennedy; Hot-line; Moscow Test Ban Treaty; nuclear non-proliferation treaty; cut back in materials for nuclear weapons
- Pressures on USSR: the crisis in Czechoslovakia and the Brezhnev doctrine; relations with China

Section five: The Brezhnev era, 1972–1985

- The USA and SE Asia: Paris peace talks; Northern victory; continuing problems in Cambodia; costs of war
- The extent of Détente up to 1979: the SALT talks; Ostpolitik and Helsinki accords; arms race; relations with China
- Developments in Africa and the Americas: the impact of Cuban intervention in Angola and Ethiopia; the impact of US intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean including Chile, Grenada and Nicaragua

Section six: The ending of the Cold War, 1985 – 1991

- N/A

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