

# Advance information June 2022

## A-level History (7042)

### Version 1.0

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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