



General Certificate of Secondary Education
2024

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History

Unit 2:
Outline Study

MV18

[GHR21]

TUESDAY 4 JUNE, AFTERNOON

Time

1 hour 15 minutes, plus your additional time allowance.

Instructions to Candidates

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page and on any additional sheets. **You must answer the questions in the spaces provided in this question paper** – there may be more space than you need. Additional lines have been added to the booklet if you require more space.

Do not write on blank pages.

Complete in black ink only.

Answer **all** questions in Section A and **two** questions in Section B.

Information for Candidates

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Question **6(a)** or **6(b)** in Section B.

Section A

Answer **all** questions

The questions which follow are about different interpretations of the new age of conflict, the “war on terror” and the impact on international relations, 1991–2003.

- 1 Study **Source A** below and answer the question which follows:

Source A: Statement by Osama bin Laden, leader of Al-Qaeda, in 1998

For over seven years the USA has been invading the lands of Islam, stealing its riches, and humiliating its people. These crimes are a clear declaration of war on all Muslims. So we issue the following fatwā to all Muslims. The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies, civilians and military, is a duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country. All Muslims must be freed from the grip of the USA. Their armies need to leave the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim.

What does **Source A** tell us about the attitude of Al-Qaeda towards the United States of America? [4 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

2 Study **Source B** and **Source C** below and answer the questions which follow:

Source B: The view of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking in 2016 about Britain's reasons for going to war in Iraq in 2003

The choice to join the USA in military action in Iraq was the hardest decision of my life. The USA wanted to set the Iraqi people free and remove the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. There appeared to be evidence of weapons of mass destruction, and we had a duty to protect Great Britain, the USA and the West.

Source C: The view of an American cartoonist who was against the US invasion of Iraq in 2003



(a) **Source B** and **Source C** give different views about the reasons for the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Explain **two** ways in which these views differ.
[2 marks for each]

1. _____

2. _____

(b) Explain **one** reason why the views in **Source B** and **Source C** are different. [2 marks]

Use the lines below if required.

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(Questions continue overleaf)

- 3** Study **Source D** below and answer the question which follows:

Source D: The view of an American blogger in 2021

The USA used 9/11 as a reason for a series of regime changes in the Middle East. President Bush and the USA used the attacks of September 11 as a reason to invade Iraq to seize its oil fields. They wasted little time in getting started. The Bush administration lied about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The invasion of Iraq was not about oil, but about American power. Twenty years after more than 3000 people were killed on 9/11, the USA remains determined to fight a 'war on terror'.

Section B

Answer question **5** and **either** question **6(a)** or question **6(b)**

5 Describe **two** reasons for the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1959–1962. [2 marks for each]

1. _____

2. _____

Use the lines below if required.

Answer **either** question **6(a)** or question **6(b)**

Either

- 6 (a)** Explain why and how the USA became involved in Asia between 1950 and 1973. [22 marks]

Use the following guidelines in your answer. You **must** also use information of your own.

- Reasons for US involvement in Korea and Vietnam
- US actions in Korea, 1950–1953
- US actions in Vietnam, 1965–1973

Or

- (b)** How did relations between the West and the USSR change in the years from 1945 to 1956? [22 marks]

Use the following guidelines in your answer. You **must** also use information of your own.

- The breakdown of the wartime alliance
- The Berlin Blockade and Airlift, 1948–1949
- The Hungarian Uprising, 1956

This is the end of the question paper

Sources

Source A.....Adapted from World Islamic Front Statement Urging Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders

Source B.....© The Guardian, adapted from Tony Blair: 'I express more sorrow, regret and apology than you can ever believe' | Iraq war inquiry | The Guardian

Source C.....© Cartoonist Steve Greenberg

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Section A	
Question Number	Marks
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