

OCR New World Past Questions

Soviet control of Eastern Europe 1948-1989

Terrorism since 1969

The Iraq War (2003)

	COMPULSORY		OPTIONAL			OPTIONAL		
	4 (a) Message of a cartoon (7 marks)	4 (b) Explain why (8 marks)	5 (a) Describe (4 marks)	5 (b) Explain why (6 marks)	5 (c) 'How far' – judgement (10 + 6)	6 (a) Describe (4 marks)	6 (b) Explain why (6 marks)	6 (c) 'How far' – judgement (10 + 6)
January 2010 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/66300-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom.pdf	Cartoon of Arafat from UK newspaper – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why Arafat's leadership was important to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.	Describe the events in Hungary in 1956.	Explain why the Soviet Union was worried by developments in Czechoslovakia in 1968.	How far was Solidarity the main reason for the decline of Soviet power in Eastern Europe? Explain your answer.	Describe Saddam Hussein's human rights record.	Explain why there was international opposition to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.	How far did the invasion of Iraq benefit the Iraqi people? Explain your answer.
June 2010 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/59071-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom.pdf	Cartoon of Khrushchev looking over Berlin Wall from UK newspaper - What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why Soviet control in Eastern Europe collapsed.	Describe the aims of Al-Qaeda.	Explain why Osama Bin Laden was important to the emergence of Al-Qaeda.	'Terrorism is never successful'. How far do you agree? Explain your answer with reference to specific terrorist groups.	Describe the part played by the United Nations in the lead up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.	Explain why Iraq was invaded in 2003.	How far was the invasion of Iraq a success for the USA? Explain your answer.
January 2011 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/59074-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom.pdf	Cartoon of George Bush (attitude to UN) – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why the USA and Britain decided to invade Iraq in 2003.	What was the Warsaw Pact?	Explain why the Berlin Wall was built in 1961.	How far was Gorbachev responsible for the collapse of Soviet control in Eastern Europe? Explain your answer.	What is terrorism?	Why have many people condemned terrorism? Explain your answer with reference to specific terrorist groups.	How successfully have governments responded to terrorism? Explain your answer with reference to specific terrorist groups.
June 2011 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/62708-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom.pdf	Cartoon about media attention on IRA – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why the Good Friday agreement of 1998 was signed.	Describe the events in Hungary in 1956.	Explain why there was opposition within Czechoslovakia to Soviet control in 1968.	'The Soviet Empire collapsed because of 'Solidarity' in Poland'. How far do you agree? Explain your answer.	Describe how Saddam Hussein treated different groups within Iraqi society.	Explain why the issue of 'weapons of mass destruction' was important in relation to Iraq.	'American policies were to blame for the breakdown in law and order in Iraq'. How far do you agree?
January 2012 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/10775-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom-depth-study.pdf	Cartoon about Soviet action in Prague in 1968 – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why the 'Solidarity' movement was important.	What were the main causes of terrorism between 1969 and 2005?	Explain why Arafat was important to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.	The following have been EQUALLY effective in achieving their aims: (i) IRA (ii) PLO (ii) Al-Qaeda. How far do you agree?	Describe the main features of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.	Explain why 'weapons of mass destruction' were an important issue in the years before the invasion of Iraq.	The following were EQUALLY important problems in Iraq 2003-05: (i) Iraqi insurgency; (ii) human rights abuses; (iii) weaknesses of transitional gov't. How far do you agree?
June 2012 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/137864-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom-depth-study.pdf	Cartoon of Arafat from UK newspaper (same one as Jan 2010) – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why the Provisional IRA resorted to terrorism.	Describe the Soviet response to the Hungarian Uprising of 1956.	Explain why the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968.	How far was the collapse of Soviet control in Eastern Europe due to the influence of 'Solidarity'? Explain your answer.	Describe the human rights abuses of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi government.	Explain why Weapons of Mass Destruction were an issue at the time of the invasion of Iraq.	How far was the invasion and occupation of Iraq in 2003 a success? Explain your answer.
January 2013 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/144987-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom-depth-study.pdf	British cartoon of Arafat, Adams and Bin Laden from – What is the message of this cartoon?	Why have some people resorted to terrorism? Use details of the cartoon and your knowledge to explain your answer.	What was the 'Prague Spring'?	Explain why the Polish government was unable to stop the Solidarity Movement.	How far were economic problems responsible for the collapse of the Soviet Empire? Explain your answer.	What opposition was there to the invasion of Iraq in 2003?	Explain why the multinational force invaded Iraq in 2003.	'The invasion of Iraq in 2003 was a disaster for the Iraqi people'. How far do you agree with this statement?
June 2013 http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/144987-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-1945-1975-land-of-freedom-depth-study.pdf	British cartoon of Soviet treatment of Solidarity – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain Gorbachev's role in the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe.	Describe the terrorist methods used by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.	Explain the role of religion in terrorism. Use examples from terrorist groups you have studied to support your answer.	'The Provisional IRA was more successful than Al-Qaeda'. How far do you agree with this statement?	Describe Saddam Hussein's treatment of the Iraqi people.	Explain why there was international opposition to the Iraq War of 2003.	'The most important consequence of the invasion and occupation of Iraq was damage to the international reputations of USA and UK'. How far do you agree?
June 2014	Sarcastic British cartoon about the Iraq War – What is the cartoonist's message? (7)	Explain why the invasion of Iraq had important international consequences? (8)	Describe Gorbachev's policies towards Eastern Europe. (4)	Explain why Solidarity was successful in Poland in the 1980s. (6)	'The Hungarian uprising of 1956 was more of a threat to the Soviet Union than the 'Prague Spring' of 1968'. How far do you agree? (10)	What were the aims of the PLO? (4)	Explain why the British government found it difficult to defeat the Provisional IRA? (6)	Who was more effective in achieving his aims, Yasser Arafat or Osama Bin Laden? (10)
June 2015	Cartoon about IRA bombing campaign – What is the cartoonist's message?	Explain why terrorism has often failed in achieving its aims. You must refer to at least one terrorist organisation.	Describe the building of the Berlin Wall and its impact on Berliners.	Why did the Polish government find it difficult to deal with Solidarity? Explain your answer.	'The Hungarian Uprising in 1956 and the Prague Spring in 1968 were very similar'. How far do you agree?	Describe the way Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq.	Explain why there was opposition around the world to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.	Do you agree the international consequences of the Iraq War were more important than the consequences inside Iraq? Explain your answer.
Specimen http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/140137-question-paper-unit-a971-17-aspects-of-international-relations-1919-2005-with-the-usa-land-of-freedom-1945-1975-for-september-2013.pdf	Cartoon about Soviet and Polish gov't response to Solidarity – What is the message of this cartoon?	Explain why Communism collapsed in Eastern Europe during the 1980s.	What were the main aims of the Provisional IRA?	Explain why the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) used terror and violence.	How far do you agree that different terrorist groups have used the same methods since 1969?	Describe the main events in the invasion of Iraq in 2003.	Why was there a breakdown in law and order in Iraq after the invasion? Explain your answer.	'The most important reason why the multi-national force invaded was the oil in Iraq'. How far do you agree?

