NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
MAY 2021

HISTORY: PAPER I

Time: 2 hours 100 marks

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This question paper consists of 5 pages. Please check that your question paper is complete.

2. Read the questions carefully.

3. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, and **ONE** question from Section B.

4. Accurate and adequate factual knowledge is essential; equally important is the ability to use relevant information critically in answering the questions.

5. Start each question on a new page.

6. Number your answers exactly as the questions are numbered in the question paper.

7. It is in your best interest to write legibly. Work in an orderly way and present your answers as neatly as possible.

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SECTION A DISCURSIVE ESSAY

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

Write a discursive essay showing evidence of analysis, interpretation, explanation and argumentation. It should be approximately 800 to 900 words long. (You do not need to include a word count.)

THEME THE COLD WAR

QUESTION 1

To what extent was Fidel Castro responsible for the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962?

[70]

OR

THEME COMING OF DEMOCRACY

QUESTION 2

To what extent did the Truth and Reconciliation Commission fulfil its aims?

[70]

OR

THEME THE END OF THE COLD WAR AND A NEW WORLD ORDER: 1989 TO THE PRESENT

QUESTION 3

To what extent is the global economy dominated by Western capitalist organisations?

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70 marks

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SECTION B EXTENDED WRITING

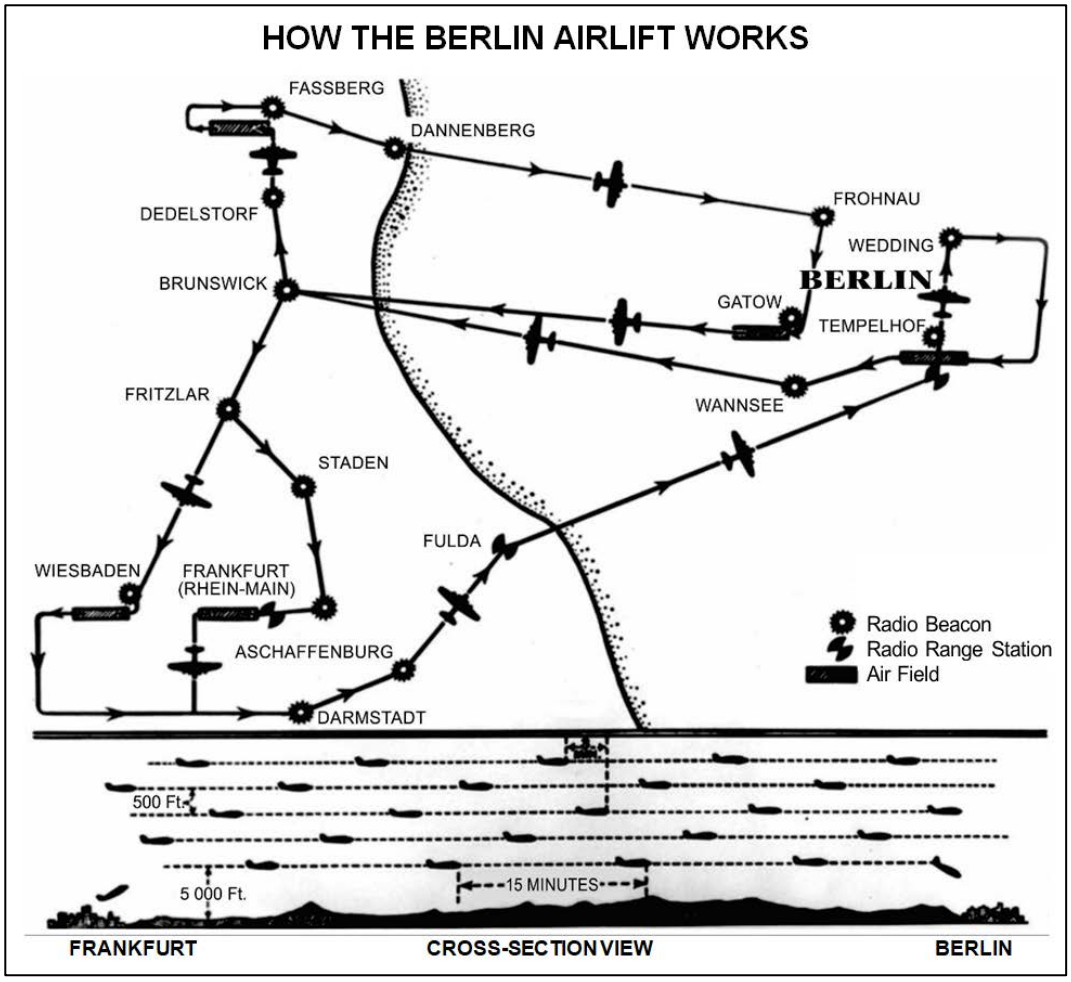
Answer **ONE** question from this section.

Write an extended-writing piece showing your own knowledge and in which you may also refer to the stimulus. It should be approximately 350 to 400 words long. (You do not need to include a word count.)

THEME THE COLD WAR

QUESTION 4

The diagram below, published in 1948, shows the flight paths and altitudes of Allied aircraft flying into and out of Berlin during the blockade.



[Source: <https://www.cvce.eu/en/obj/how_the_berlin_airlift_worked_1948-en-6aeb019f-7b8f-41a0-b7f4-a72e15e85060.html> (Accessed 24 February 2019)]

Explain, by answering the following questions, how events in Berlin from 1948 to 1949 contributed to increased tension during the Cold War:

(a) What led to the Berlin Blockade of 1948?

(b) How did the United States respond to the Berlin Blockade?

(c) What was the immediate impact of the Berlin Blockade on East-West relations after 1949?

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OR

THEME COMING OF DEMOCRACY

QUESTION 5

The photograph below, taken on 25 July 1993, shows the result of the APLA attack on the St James Church in Kenilworth in Cape Town.



[Source: <https://www.sahistory.org.za/dated-event/st-james-church-massacre> (Accessed 2 November 2020)]

Explain the right wing's and left wing's attempts to derail the negotiation process between 1990 and 1994 by answering the following questions.

(a) Why did the right wing and left wing want to derail the negotiation process between 1990 and 1994?

(b) How did the right wing and left wing attempt to derail the negotiation process between 1990 and 1994?

(c) What impact did these attempts at derailing the negotiation process have on South Africa?

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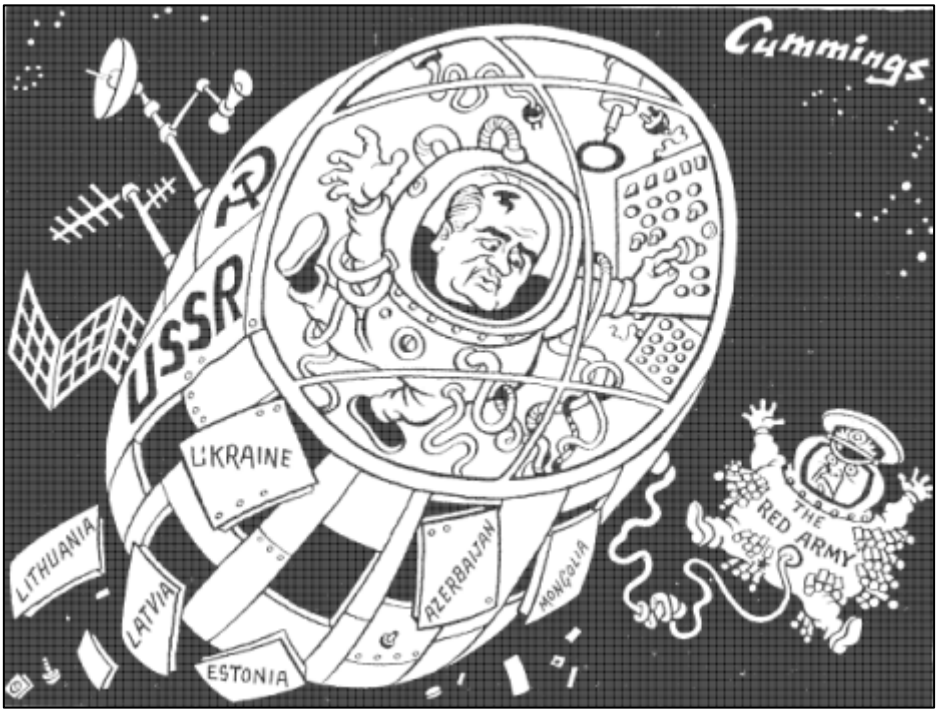
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THEME THE END OF THE COLD WAR AND A NEW WORLD ORDER: 1989 TO THE PRESENT

QUESTION 6

The cartoon below, drawn in 1990 by M. Cummings, shows Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev attempting to steer a collapsing spaceship called 'USSR'.



[Source: <https://slideplayer.com/slide/14014046/> (Accessed 29 January 2019)]

Explain, by answering the following questions, how the reform policy of Glasnost and Perestroika led to the collapse of the Soviet Union:

(a) What led to the implementation of Glasnost and Perestroika in the Soviet Union in the 1980s?

(b) How were Glasnost and Perestroika meant to reform the Soviet Union in the 1980s?

(c) How did Glasnost and Perestroika impact the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc?

[30]

30 marks

Total: 100 marks

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