4.2 Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-91: Growing Rivalry and the Berlin Blockade, 1945-58: Test Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 15 minutes on this pack.

1 Name the American diplomat in Moscow who sent the 'Long Telegram' to Washington in February 1946, arguing that the USSR was inherently expansionist and should be firmly contained.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Explain two reasons why the United States introduced the Marshall Plan in 1947.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Describe two features of the Berlin Airlift (1948-49).

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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4 State what the Truman Doctrine promised, and give the two countries it initially provided aid to.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

5 Give the year and month in which the Berlin Blockade began.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

George Kennan **B1**

Answer: George Kennan

Question 2

economic reasoning: much of Europe's economy remained devastated after the Second World War, and the USA believed that economic recovery would reduce the appeal of communism to struggling populations **B2**

strategic reasoning: the USA wanted to support and strengthen countries in Western Europe as part of its wider containment policy, tying them economically to the USA and making them less likely to fall under Soviet influence **B2**

Answer: Economic recovery to reduce communism's appeal, and strategic support for Western Europe as part of containment.

Question 3

American and British aircraft flew a huge number of flights into West Berlin's airports over many months, carrying food, coal and other essential supplies to keep the city's population supplied **B2**

the operation demonstrated Western resolve to support West Berlin without direct military confrontation with Soviet forces, avoiding the ground routes that Stalin had blockaded **B2**

Answer: Sustained, large-scale air supply flights to West Berlin, showing Western resolve without direct military confrontation with the USSR.

Question 4

it promised US support (economic and military aid) to any 'free people' resisting attempted takeover by an armed minority or outside pressure, the policy that became known as containment **B1**

Greece and Turkey **B1**

Answer: It promised US aid to countries resisting communist takeover, beginning with Greece and Turkey.

Question 5

June **B1**

1948 **B1**

Answer: June 1948

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