4.3 Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-91: The Berlin Crisis and the Building of the Berlin Wall, 1958-61: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 State what the Berlin Wall was initially built from, before it was rebuilt in a stronger form.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Explain two consequences of the building of the Berlin Wall (August 1961).

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)

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Question 1

barbed wire **B1**

Answer: Barbed wire

Question 2

Level 1 Identifies one or two general consequences of the Berlin Wall, with little or no supporting detail or explanation. **1-2**

Level 2 Identifies and begins to explain one consequence, supported by accurate detail. **3-4**

Level 3 Explains two consequences of the Berlin Wall, each supported by accurate and relevant detail. **5-6**

Level 4 Explains two consequences in a well-developed, logically structured way, supported throughout by precise and accurate detail, showing how the consequences connect. **7-8**

Indicative content:

- It stopped the mass flight of East Germans to the West almost overnight, ending a movement that had removed millions of people, including many skilled workers, and allowing East Germany's government and economy a greater degree of stability than before.
- It became one of the most powerful physical symbols of the Cold War division of Europe, damaging the international reputation of the USSR and East Germany in the eyes of much of the world, even though it achieved the practical aim of stopping the refugee flow.
- It reduced the immediate risk of a direct military clash over Berlin's status, since both sides settled into an uneasy acceptance of a divided city rather than pursuing Khrushchev's original 1958 demand for full Western withdrawal, effectively ending that particular crisis without a formal treaty resolving it.
- It hardened the practical division of Germany and Europe for decades, reinforcing the reality of two separate German states and two opposing blocs, and the Wall itself remained standing until 1989.

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