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

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 15 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

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

1 State one reason why the large number of East Germans fleeing to the West through Berlin before 1961 was a serious problem for East Germany.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Describe two features of the Berlin Ultimatum issued by Khrushchev in November 1958.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Explain two reasons why tension over Berlin remained high between the Vienna Summit (June 1961) and the building of the Wall (August 1961).

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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4 Give the year in which the Paris Summit collapsed after an American spy plane was shot down over Soviet territory.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

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5 Name the type of American spy plane shot down over the Soviet Union in May 1960, and name its pilot.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a consequence, e.g. East Germany was losing large numbers of skilled workers and professionals **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. this weakened East Germany's economy and was an embarrassment for the Soviet Union, undermining the claim that communism offered a better life than the West **B1**

Answer: East Germany was losing skilled workers and professionals, weakening its economy and embarrassing the Soviet Union.

Question 2

it demanded that American, British and French troops withdraw from West Berlin, proposing instead that the whole city become a demilitarised 'free city' **B2**

it set a six-month deadline for this to happen, threatening that if it was not met the USSR would hand control of the access routes to Berlin over to East Germany, which the Western powers did not recognise **B2**

Answer: A demand for Western withdrawal and a 'free city' status for Berlin, backed by a six-month deadline threatening to hand control of access routes to East Germany.

Question 3

a first valid reason explained, e.g. the Vienna Summit had ended without any agreement on Berlin's status, leaving the dispute from Khrushchev's 1958 ultimatum unresolved (B1 identifies, B1 explains) **B2**

a second valid reason explained, e.g. the flow of East German refugees into West Berlin increased through the summer of 1961; Kennedy's military build-up and increased defence spending (July 1961); Khrushchev's renewed threat of a separate peace treaty with East Germany (B1 identifies, B1 explains), oe **B2**

Answer: Any two explained, e.g. the unresolved outcome of the Vienna Summit; the increasing flow of refugees through Berlin; Kennedy's military build-up; Khrushchev's threat of a separate peace treaty.

Question 4

1960 **B1**

Answer: 1960

Question 5

the U-2 (spy plane) **B1**

Gary Powers **B1**

Answer: A U-2 spy plane, piloted by Gary Powers.

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