



**History Department**  
**Grade 12 Examination**

Marks: 100

Time: 2 hours

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**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 relevant 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 own interest to write legibly. Work in an orderly way and present your answer as neatly as possible.
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**SECTION A                    DISCURSIVE ESSAY**

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

A discursive essay showing evidence of analysis, interpretation, explanation and argument is required. It should be approximately 800 – 900 words in length.

**THEME                            THE COLD WAR**

**QUESTION 1**

“The events in Berlin between 1948 and 1961, and Cuba in 1962 were characterized only by acts of brinkmanship.”

Evaluate the above statement critically, in reference to the idea of Brinkmanship as it relates to the cold war between 1948 and 1962

**[70]**

**OR**

**THEME                            THE COMING OF DEMOCRACY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND COMING TO TERMS WITH THE PAST**

**QUESTION 2**

The political violence that plagued South Africa in the early 1990s was aimed at derailing the process of negotiations among various political parties.

Discuss the validity of the above statement. Make specific reference to the various act of violence between 1989 and 1994.

**[70]**

**OR**

**THEME                            END OF THE COLD WAR AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER**

**QUESTION 3**

‘Gorbache’s policies of Glasnost and Perestroika led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1989 which had a direct impact on South African politics.’

To what extent is the above statement valid with specific reference to the disintegration of the USSR and the impact it had on South Africa.

**[70]**

**70 marks**

## SECTION B EXTENDED WRITING

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

Extended writing should be approximately 350 – 400 words in length. You should use your own knowledge and you may refer to the stimulus to answer the questions.

### THEME THE COLD WAR

#### QUESTION 4

A drawing of Uncle Sam seated between dominoes, which depicts the belief of the USA government during the Cold War:



<https://www.thinglink.com/scene/794304469398454274> (Date accessed 2 May 2020)

Explain the USA's belief in the 'Domino theory' and the policy of containment which led to the extension of the Cold War in South-East Asia and negative results for the USA by answering the following questions:

- What was the 'Domino theory' and the policy of containment?
- What were the various reasons for the US loss of the Vietnam War?
- How successful was America in achieving the policy of containment in the Cold War context?

[30]

OR

**THEME THE COMING OF DEMOCRACY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND COMING TO TERMS WITH THE PAST**

**QUESTION 5**

**Heated verbal exchanges take place between President FW de Klerk and African National Congress President Nelson Mandela at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) talks' by Len Sak (December 1991)**



*(Adapted from <https://www.nelsonmandela.org/multimedia/entry/len-saks-cartoons-1990-1994> [Accessed May 2020])*

**Discuss the significance of the Record of understanding, by answering the following questions:**

- a) What were the reasons for the establishment CODESA?
- b) What events lead to the failure of CODESA 2?
- c) What were the outcomes that resulted from the Record of understanding?

**[30]**

**OR**

**THEME**                    **END OF THE COLD WAR AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER**

**QUESTION 6**

This photograph shows former South African President, Nelson Mandela walking hand-in-hand with his then-wife Winnie, as he was greeted by thousands of swarming well-wishers and a brigade of reporters following his release from prison.



[Source: <http://www.history.com/news/mandela-becomes-a-free-man-25-years-ago> (Accessed 18 May 2020)]

**Explain how the end of the Cold War impacted South African politics by answering the following questions:**

- a) What were the main causes for the collapse of the Soviet Union by 1989?
- b) What impact did the fall of the collapse of the USSR have on the National Party's strategy and policy?
- c) How successful was the National Party in maintaining white domination after 1989?

**[30]**

**30 marks**

**Total: 100 marks**