



NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2020

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.)

QUESTION 1 COLD WAR

"The United States had to rethink and adapt its military strategies repeatedly during the conflict in Vietnam."

Critically evaluate the statement with reference to the United States' policies in Vietnam from 1957 to 1975.

OR

QUESTION 2 SOUTH AFRICA

"Throughout the early-1990s, the National Party government continually undermined the negotiation process."

Critically evaluate the statement with reference to the period 1990–1994 in South Africa.

OR

QUESTION 3 END OF COLD WAR AND NEW WORLD ORDER

"The world economy is dominated by Western capitalist organisations."

Critically evaluate the statement with reference to the roles played by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organisation in a post-Cold War world.

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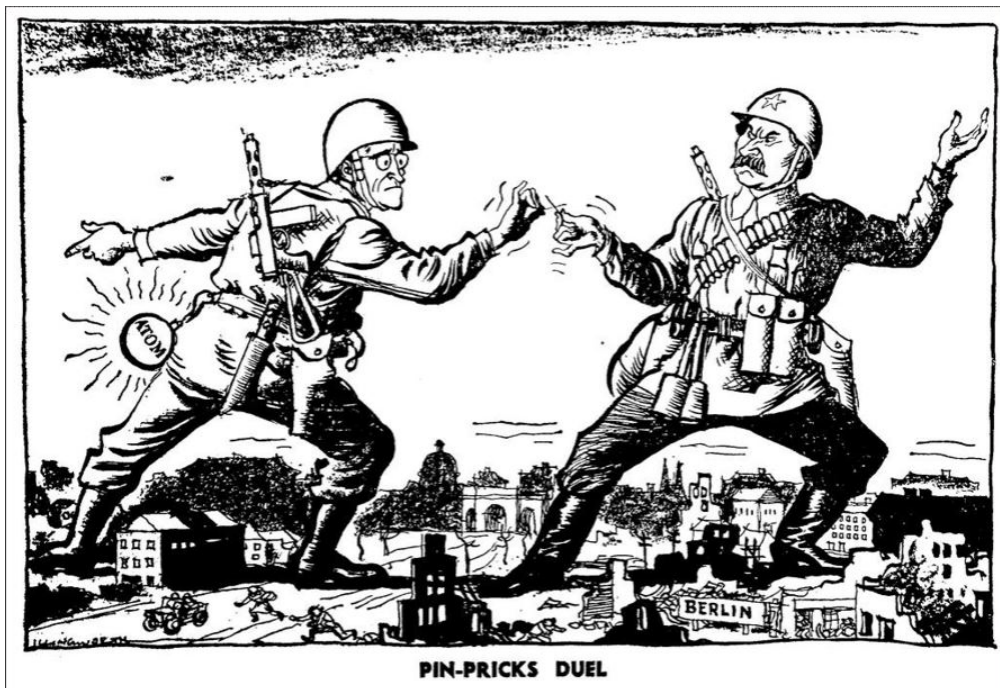
SECTION B EXTENDED WRITING

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

The extended writing should be approximately 350 to 400 words long. You should use your own knowledge and you may also refer to the stimulus to answer the questions. (You do not need to include a word count.)

QUESTION 4 COLD WAR

The cartoon below, drawn by Leslie Gilbert Illingworth and published on 5 April 1948, emphasises the growing opposition between the Western and Eastern blocs. From left to right, US President Harry Truman and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.



[Source: <https://www.cvce.eu/en/obj/cartoon_by_illingworth_on_the_severity_of_the_international_situation_in_berlin_5_april_1948-en-56b5a603-0c26-43b6-b8c0-9d1ae8fb0fe5.html> Accessed 27 January 2020]

Explain how the United States created a 'sphere of influence' in Germany by 1949 by answering the following questions:

- What actions did the United States take to control the German economy by 1949?
- How did the United States exert dominance in Germany by 1949?
- Was the United States successful in creating a 'sphere of influence' in Germany by 1949?

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OR

QUESTION 5 SOUTH AFRICA

The cartoon below, drawn by Zapiro and published in 1994, shows an interpretation of the challenges facing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission under the leadership of its Chairman, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



[Source: <http://www.saha.org.za/news/2016/April/gallery_honouring_20_years_since_the_first_public_hearings_of_the_trc.htm> Accessed 27 January 2020]

Explain how South Africa attempted to uncover the truth and to reconcile with its past between 1994 and 1996 by answering the following questions:

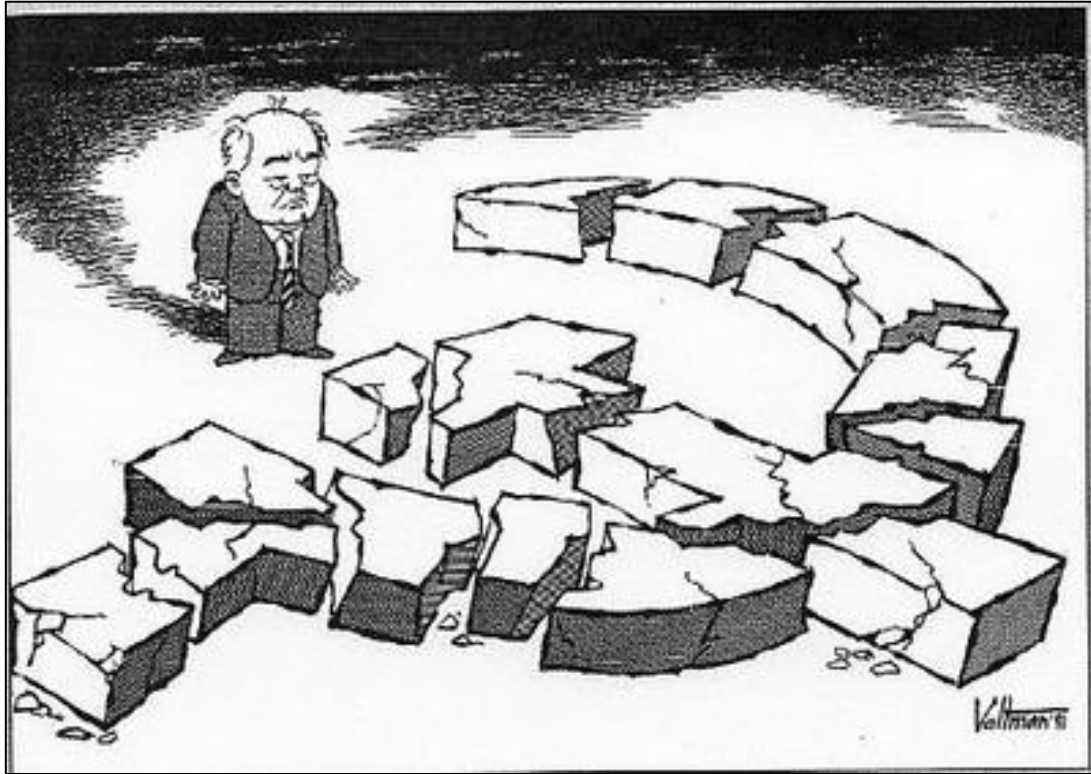
- (a) What was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and what were its aims?
- (b) What were the structures of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and how did they function?
- (c) Was the Truth and Reconciliation Commission successful in achieving its aims?

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OR

QUESTION 6 END OF COLD WAR AND NEW WORLD ORDER

The cartoon below, published in a US newspaper in the early 1990s, shows Russian leader, Mikhail Gorbachev and the consequences of his reforms on the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc.



[Source: <<https://www.sutori.com/story/end-of-cold-war-timeline--UAbcrm7qtbNYtVUtF6quDCZG>>. Accessed 27 January 2020]

Explain how Gorbachev attempted to meet the wide range of challenges facing the Soviet Union in the 1980s by answering the following questions:

- (a) What reforms were implemented by Gorbachev and what were their aims?
- (b) How did Gorbachev's reforms attempt to meet the wide range of challenges facing the Soviet Union in the 1980s?
- (c) Were Gorbachev's reforms successful?

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Total: 100 marks