

How effectively did the US contain the spread of Communism? Exam

DO NOT WRITE ON THE EXAM. Answer all questions on a separate lined sheet of paper.

Choose **TWO (2)** of the following three questions and answer parts **(a), (b), and (c)** from the **SAME** question. **40 Points Total**

1. The USA's policy of containment was tested in Vietnam.

(a) What was the 'domino effect' in relation to Vietnam? [4]

(b) Why did Nixon find it difficult to withdraw from Vietnam? [6]

(c) 'In Vietnam, Kennedy was more successful than Johnson.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

2. Look at the photograph, and then answer the questions which follow.



A photograph of Cubans celebrating the capture of a landing craft at the Bay of Pigs, 1961.

(a) Describe the key features of the Bay of Pigs incident. [5]

(b) Why did Kennedy decide to blockade Cuba? [7]

(c) 'There was not a winner in the Cuban Missile Crisis.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

3. Read the extract, and then answer the questions which follow.

Much of the evidence tends to support the view that, despite the many unpredictable elements in the decision-making process, in crucial instances the leaders on both sides chose courses of action which were both non-provocative and allowed room for retreat from exposed positions.

A historian writing in 2000 about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

(a) What options were available to Kennedy to force the removal of missile sites on Cuba? [5]

(b) Explain why the Soviet Union placed missiles on Cuba. [7]

(c) How great a threat was the Cuban Missile Crisis to world peace? Explain your answer. [8]