

History Oral Questions 2009

- 1) To what extent had the policies and actions of the USSR caused a Cold War by the late 1940s ?
- 2) How did the USA contribute to the development of the Cold War between 1945 and 1949?
- 3) Are the years between 1953 and 1962 better described as a 'thaw' or as an escalation of the Cold War?
- 4) Why did the USA become involved in a war in Korea in 1950?
- 5) Analyse the foreign policy of Khrushchev.
- 6) What caused the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- 7) What were the main effects of the Cuban Missile Crisis on the Cold War?
- 8) Compare and contrast one example of British decolonisation with one example of French decolonisation.
- 8) Explain the problems France faced in the de-colonization of *either* Indochina *or* Algeria.
- 9) What were the major examples of the détente which took place during the Cold War?
- 10) Why had a détente occurred in east-west relations by the mid 1970's?
- 11) Analyse the domestic problems and disturbances in the USA during the 1960's.
- 12) To what extent were the Democrat presidents of the 1960's successful in handling the domestic challenges of their times?
- 13) What damage did Watergate do to the USA?
- 14) Analyse Carter's presidency.
- 15) Why did the Cold War end?
- 16) Analyse *either* the domestic *or* foreign policy of Ronald Reagan.
- 17) Define the main characteristics of 'the south'
- 18) To what extent is Brazil typical of a country of 'the south'?
- 19) What is the best way of measuring the development of a country?
- 20) What are the main advantages of globalisation?

- 21) What are the main disadvantages of globalisation?
- 22) What are the main characteristics of US economic power?
- 23) How does the east coast contribute to the power of the USA?
- 24) What have been the main challenges facing Russia since 1991?
- 25) What was De Gaulle's contribution to French history after the Second World War?
- 26) What are the main features of European power?
- 27) Assess the importance of the Rhine for Europe.
- 28) Assess the economic strength of Japan.
- 29) To what extent is the Mediterranean typical of the global interaction between the north and the south?
- 30) Analyse the importance of multi-national companies in today's world.
- 31) What are the main characteristics of American demography?
- 32) What do you understand by the term "New World Order"?

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