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This paper has two options. Choose **one** option, and answer **all** of the questions on that topic. **Option A: 19th Century topic** [p2–p6] **Option B: 20th Century topic** [p7–p11]

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together. The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Option A: 19th Century topic

WHO WAS TO BLAME FOR THE AGADIR CRISIS OF 1911?

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

Background Information

In April 1911 the Sultan of Morocco asked France to help crush a revolt by rebel tribesmen. France sent some troops and used the opportunity to increase its influence in Morocco. Germany was worried that this would lead to a French take-over of Morocco and sent the gunboat 'Panther' to the port of Agadir. Germany then demanded compensation because of the increase in French influence. Germany was also hoping to drive Britain away from the Anglo-French entente. The crisis was resolved in the late summer of 1911 but not before causing fears of a major war.

Who was responsible for the crisis?

SOURCE A

My intervention was due to the fear that if things were allowed to drift, we might find ourselves drawn into a great European War. France, who had been given a zone of influence in Morocco by the Treaty of Algeciras, found it necessary to send an expedition to Fez. Germany, conceiving with some reason that France had plans to take over Morocco, took steps to claim compensation and opened negotiations by sending a gunboat to Agadir. This was a blundering and blustering kind of diplomacy. Britain sent a communication to Berlin but our letter was left unanswered for weeks. We learnt from France that the German Government was pressing quite impossible demands upon her.

It is hard to say if there was a real danger of war. The Kaiser clearly thought about the mobilisation of his armies as a likely result of the situation. In 1914 mobilisation meant war. I felt that we were drifting clumsily towards war. The Germans were treating us with intolerable insolence by not even acknowledging our letter. I decided to make the Mansion House speech on 21 July. The effect of the speech was to avoid any danger of Europe drifting unawares into war. The German Government was furious, for its gunboat diplomacy had received a severe rebuff. Germany had over-reached itself. The Austrian diplomatic correspondence shows that the German Government thought that the French Government was a weak one and lacked backbone. The Germans thought that a sudden rattling of the sword would win large concessions in Morocco. But they were not prepared to go to war with both France and Britain.

From Lloyd George's 'War Memoirs', published in 1933. Lloyd George was a leading member of the British Government.

SOURCE B

In early 1911 the agreement between Germany and France over Morocco collapsed. This was caused by a dispute over commercial rights between a German company and a French mining company, and French plans to exploit continued trouble in Morocco to establish a protectorate. As in 1905, France's aggressive policy in Morocco sparked an international crisis. In Germany, public opinion was outraged at French actions. On 17 May, French troops began their march on Fez. William II was reluctant to take any action, but his ministers convinced him to send the gunboat 'Panther' to Agadir. As the crisis escalated, Lloyd George made a speech at the Mansion House on 21 July, where he signalled British support for France. This setback to German ambitions was followed by an outflow of French money from the Berlin money market. Diplomatically isolated, and unprepared for war, Germany began to retreat.

Would the Great Powers go to war over these differences? The answer by 1911 seemed to be no. The French preferred to pressure the German government by withdrawing French money from Germany. William II was resolutely opposed to war. Kiderlen-Waechter, the minister in charge of German foreign policy, never considered it as an option during the crisis. Lloyd George's Mansion House speech signalled British support for France and was designed as a warning to Germany. However, it did not mark a commitment to fight alongside France.

From a book published in 2010.



SOURCE C

A cartoon published in Germany during the crisis. The figure is William II.

SOURCE D

What the French are thinking of doing is not wise, but we cannot under our agreement interfere.

Written by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, April 1911. He had just been told that the French were planning to send troops to Fez.

SOURCE E

I believe it is essential in the highest interests of the world that Britain should maintain her place and prestige amongst the Great Powers. Her powerful influence has many a time been invaluable in the cause of human liberty. I would make great sacrifices to preserve peace. But if a situation were forced upon us, in which peace could only be preserved by allowing Britain to be treated as if she did not matter, then I say that peace at that price would be an intolerable humiliation for a great country like ours to endure.

From Lloyd George's speech at the Mansion House, 21 July 1911.

SOURCE F

When we hear a speech that we must consider as a threat, as a challenge, it is not easy to ignore. Like a flash in the dark these events show the German people where the enemy is. The German people now knows, when it seeks foreign expansion, such is its right and destiny, where it has to look for permission. We Germans are not accustomed to that and cannot allow it and we shall know how to answer. When the hour comes we are prepared for sacrifices, both of blood and of treasure.

From a speech by an influential German politician in the Reichstag. He was reacting to Lloyd George's speech. The German politician's speech received thunderous applause.

SOURCE G

Then I must return home at once. For I cannot let my Government take strong action without being right on the spot so as to keep a careful watch on the consequences and have them well in hand! And meantime we are steering straight for mobilisation! That must not happen WITHOUT ME! Our Allies must first be informed about this! For it may draw them in, in sympathy!

Notes made by William II in the margin of a telegram that had been sent to him by Bethmann Hollweg in July 1911. In the telegram Bethmann Hollweg told William that the German government was planning to take a 'very strong line' with France. Bethmann Hollweg was the Head of William's government.



A British cartoon, entitled 'Solid', published in August 1911. The Kaiser is saying 'Donnerwetter! It's rock. I thought it was going to be paper.'

Now answer **all** the following questions. You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources which you are told to use. In answering the questions you should use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

1 Study Sources A and B.

How far do these two sources agree? Explain your answer using details of the sources. [7]

2 Study Source C.

What is the message of the cartoonist? Explain your answer using details of the source and your knowledge. [8]

3 Study Sources D and E.

Does Source D make Source E surprising? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

4 Study Sources F and G.

How far does Source F explain William's reaction in Source G? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

5 Study Source H.

Why was this cartoon published in August 1911? Explain your answer using details of the source and your knowledge. [7]

6 Study all the sources.

How far do these sources provide convincing evidence that Germany was to blame for the crisis over Morocco in 1911? Use the sources to explain your answer. [12]

Option B: 20th Century topic

WHY WAS AMERICA INVOLVED IN VIETNAM?

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

Background Information

America started its involvement in Vietnam as early as 1950. By the 1960s it was fighting a major war with thousands of US troops involved. A number of reasons have been suggested for American involvement in Vietnam. US governments often claimed they were defending the freedom of the Vietnamese people, while others claimed that America was actually fighting to extend its power and prestige.

Was American involvement in Vietnam about saving South Vietnam from Communism or more about preserving its own power and prestige?

SOURCE A

In 1950, President Truman authorised a programme of economic and military aid to the French, who were fighting to retain control of their Indochina colony. When the Vietminh army defeated the French, the French were compelled to agree to the creation of a Communist North Vietnam while leaving a non-Communist entity in the South. President Eisenhower undertook to build a nation from the spurious political entity that was South Vietnam by fabricating a government there, dispatching military advisers to train a South Vietnamese army, and unleashing the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct psychological warfare against the North.

President John F. Kennedy rounded another turning point in early 1961, when he secretly sent 400 Special Operations Forces to teach the South Vietnamese how to fight. By 1963 there were more than 16000 US military advisers in South Vietnam. President Johnson committed the United States most fully to the war. In 1965, he authorised sustained bombing, and sent 3500 Marines to South Vietnam.

The United States became involved in the war for a number of reasons that shifted over time. Primarily, every American president regarded the enemy in Vietnam as agents of global communism. Communists scorned democracy, violated human rights and pursued military aggression. Americans compared communism to a contagious disease.

US presidents also thought they were helping to support the developed, non-Communist nations, whose fates were tied to the preservation of Vietnam. These ambitions formed a second set of reasons why the United States became involved in Vietnam. As presidents committed the United States to conflict bit by bit, many of these ambitions were forgotten. Instead, inertia developed against withdrawing from Vietnam. US withdrawal would result in a Communist victory. Eisenhower acknowledged that, had elections been held in Vietnam in 1956, 'Ho Chi Minh would have won 80% of the vote', and no US president wanted to lose a country to communism. The commitment to Vietnam itself, passed from administration to administration, took on validity aside from any rational basis it might once have had. US credibility seemed at stake.

From a book published in 1999.

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SOURCE C



(The US is spending more than \$40,000,000 per day on the war in Vietnam; compensation payments for South Vietnamese civilians killed 'by mistake' are \$34 per head.)

A cartoon published in Britain in 1966.

SOURCE D

Why are we in South Vietnam? We are there because we have a promise to keep. Every American President since 1954 has offered support to the people of South Vietnam to defend its independence. We are also there to strengthen the world order. Around the world, from Berlin to Thailand, there are people whose wellbeing rests on the belief that they can count on us if they are attacked. To leave Vietnam would shake the confidence of all those people who believe in the value of America's word. Let no one think that retreat from Vietnam would bring an end to the conflict. The battle would be renewed in one country and then another.

From a speech by President Johnson, April 1965.

SOURCE E

We are in a war to 'defend freedom' in South Vietnam. One wonders how much the American commitment to Vietnamese freedom is also a commitment to American pride – the two seem to have become part of the same package. When we talk about the freedom of South Vietnam, we may be thinking about how our pride would be injured if we settle for less than we set out to achieve. We may be thinking about our reputation as a great power, fearing that a compromise would shame us. Such fears are senseless. They are unworthy of the richest, most powerful country in the world.

From a book called 'The Arrogance of Power' by Senator Fulbright, Chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The book was published in America in 1966.

SOURCE F



'If there's a general election tomorrow, which General would you vote for?'

A cartoon published in Britain in 1966.



poor democratic people threatened by the Commies!"

A cartoon published in Britain in 1969. US astronauts landed on the moon for the first time that year.

SOURCE H

I am writing to you in the hope that the conflict in Vietnam can be brought to an end. This conflict has already taken a heavy toll in lives lost, in property destroyed and in human misery. I believe we both have a heavy obligation to seek the path to peace.

We have tried over the past years to convey to you and your colleagues our desire to achieve a peaceful settlement. For whatever reasons, these efforts have not achieved any results. It may be that our thoughts have been distorted as they pass through various channels. There is one way to overcome this problem. That is for us to arrange for direct talks between trusted representatives and away from the glare of publicity. I am prepared to move towards an ending of hostilities by ordering an end to the bombing of your country. The important thing is to end a conflict that has brought burdens to both our peoples, and above all to the people of South Vietnam.

A letter from President Johnson to Ho Chi Minh, February 1967. The letter was sent secretly.

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How similar are these two sources? Explain your answer using details of the sources. [7]

2 Study Source C.

Why was this cartoon published in 1966? Explain your answer using details of the source and your knowledge. [8]

3 Study Sources D and E.

Does Source D prove that Source E is wrong? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

4 Study Sources F and G.

How far would these two cartoonists have agreed with each other? Explain your answer using details of the sources and your knowledge. [8]

5 Study Source H.

How surprised are you by Source H? Explain your answer using details of the source and your knowledge. [7]

6 How far do these sources provide convincing evidence that the USA was involved in Vietnam to save South Vietnam from Communism? Use the sources to explain your answer. [12]

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