Essay Questions Arranged by Topics 2014
1985-2014
The Cold War and the Americas 1945–1981

1. Trace and explain the developing relations between the United States and EITHER the U.S.S.R. since 1945 OR China since 1949. (1987)


4. Assess the presidency of Richard Nixon with reference to both domestic and foreign policy. (HL) (1991)

5. Which United States president has left the greatest impact on foreign policy since 1945? (HL) (1992)

6. Does Canada have an independent foreign policy? (HL) (1992)

7. Using specific examples, assess the success of regional cooperation in the hemisphere since 1945? (HL) (1992)

8. Compare the policies of TWO United States presidents in regard to the Soviet Union between 1945 and 1985. Which was more successful and why? (HL) (1995)

9. How would you characterize the role the United States has played in the United Nations since 1945? (HL) (1997)

10. “The potential of the OAS for hemispheric cooperation is largely untried.” How far would you agree or disagree with this statement? (HL) (1997) At the time they left office, Presidents Truman and Eisenhower were both given low ratings in Presidential greatness polls. They are now both ranked among the top ten presidents. What factors account for this change? (HL) (1998)

11. How did the foreign policies of the United States government respond to the perceived threat of Communist aggression during the late 1940s and early 1950s? (HL) (1998)


13. Where, and with what effect, has the Truman Doctrine been applied to foreign policy?


17. Discuss the view that the Organization of American States (OAS) had more successes than failures in the period 1950 to 1990.  (HL) (2000)

18. With reference to their aims and actions, examine the foreign policy of one of the following presidents of the US: Truman; Eisenhower; Carter; Reagan.  (HL) (2001)


20. To what extent was the Organization of American States (OAS) able to achieve its aims in the period 1970 to 1990, and what factors hindered greater success?  (HL) (2001)

21. Compare and contrast the Cold War policies of Truman and Eisenhower.  (HL) (2002)


23. Why was the Organization of American States (OAS) founded and how successful has it been in achieving its aims?  (HL) (2002)

24. To what extent has either Canada or one Latin American country developed a foreign policy independent of the United States since 1945?  (HL) (2002)

25. Either Analyze the impact of the Cold War on Canada in the period 1945 to 1965  Or  Explain why the Cold War provided favourable circumstances for the establishment of military leaders in any two countries in Latin America.  (HL) (2003)


27. To what extent was the Organization of American States (OAS) successful in achieving its aims in the period 1950 to 1970?  (HL) (2003)

28. Analyse the impact of the Cold War on either Canada or Latin America in the period 1945 to 1960.  (2004)

30. In what ways, and with what results, did the Cold War influence relations between either Latin America or Canada with the United States in the period 1945 to 1957? (HL) (2005)


33. Analyse the relations between the United States and either Canada or one country in Latin America, between 1945 and 1965. (HL) (2006)

34. Assess the successes and failures of the foreign policies of either Eisenhower (1952-60) or Kennedy (1961-3). (HL) (2006)


36. To what extent was the Organization of American States (OAS) successful as a mediator in hemispheric conflicts between 1950 and 1990? (HL) (2006)

37. How successful was the Organization of American States (OAS) in mediating conflicts in the period 1950 to 1970? (2007)

38. How did the cold War change relations between the United States and either Latin America or Canada between 1953–1979? (2007)


40. Why, and with what consequences, did the United States get involved in Korea? (2007)

41. To what extent did either Canada or one Latin American country develop a foreign policy independent of the United States after 1945? (2008)


44. Examine the foreign policy of either Canada or one Latin American country between 1945 and 1979. (2009)

45. Analyze the successes and failures of President Kennedy’s foreign policies towards Latin America between 1961 and 1963. (2010)

46. “During the Cold War, Canada and the United States had disagreements about policies. To what extent do you agree with this view? (2010)

47. In what ways did the foreign policy of the United States change during the Eisenhower administration? (2011)

48. “Kennedy’s Alliance for Progress was a turning point in the history of relations between North America and Latin America.” To what extent do you agree with this statement? (2011)


51. Examine the effects of McCarthyism on society and culture in the United States from the late 1940s to the late 1950s. (2013)

52. Discuss the aims of President Kennedy’s Alliance for Progress and analyse its impact on Latin America during the 1960s. (2014)

53. Analyse the impact of the Cold War on the foreign policy of either Canada or one country of Latin America from 1945 to 1965. (2014)