



NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
MAY 2023

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.
 7. It is in your own interest to write legibly. Work in an orderly way and present your answers as neatly as possible.
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SECTION A

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

'The USA successfully contained communism with its post-war economic and military policies.'

Discuss the above statement with reference to events in Europe between 1945 and 1949. **[70]**

OR

QUESTION 2

'Black Consciousness was the sole cause of the Soweto Uprising in 1976.'

Discuss the above statement with reference to events in South Africa in the 1970s. **[70]**

OR

QUESTION 3

'Whereas the USA failed to destroy the USSR, Gorbachev's reforms succeeded.'

Discuss the above statement with reference to events in the USSR in the 1980s. **[70]**

70 marks

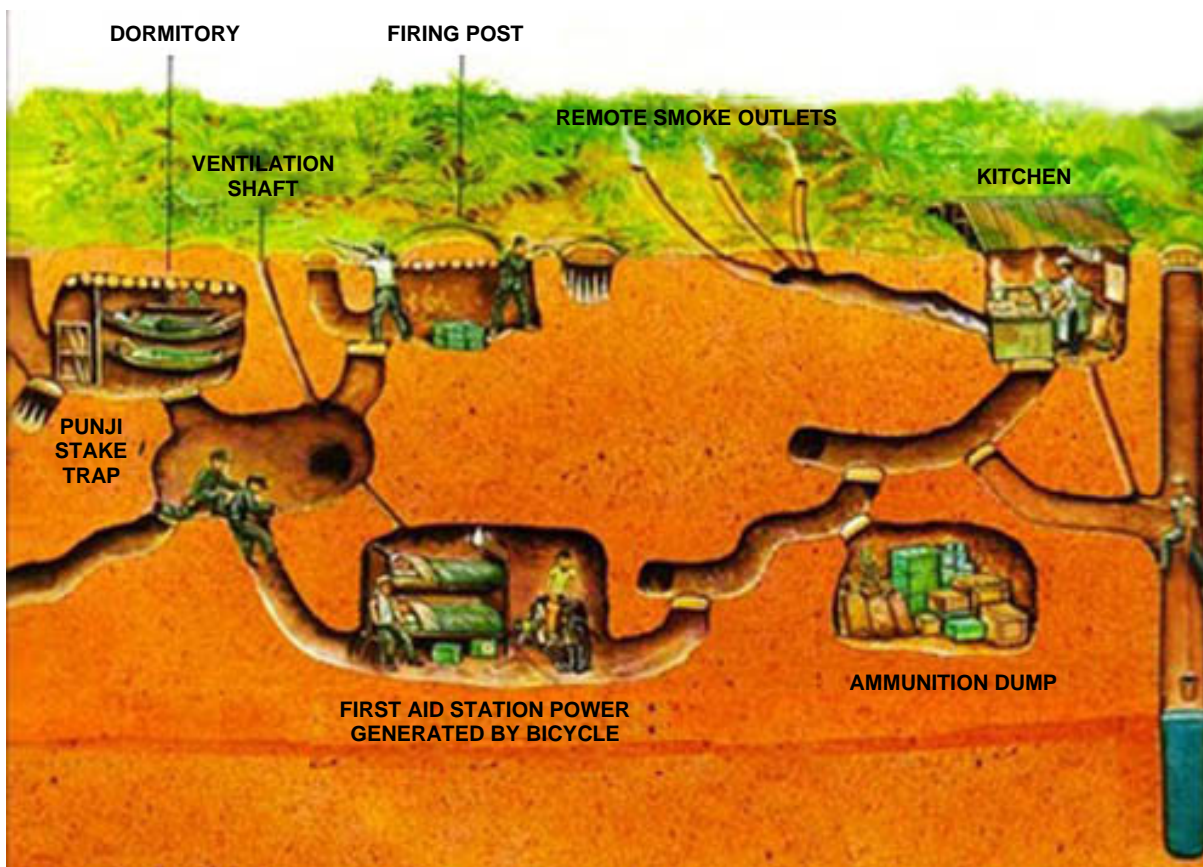
SECTION B

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

The image below is a diagram of the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by the Viet Cong, outside Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in the 1960s.



[Source: <<https://www.indochina.tours/cu-chi-tunnel-heroic-wonder/>>, Accessed 17 March 2022]

Explain, by answering the following questions, how the North Vietnamese countered American military operations between 1964 and 1972:

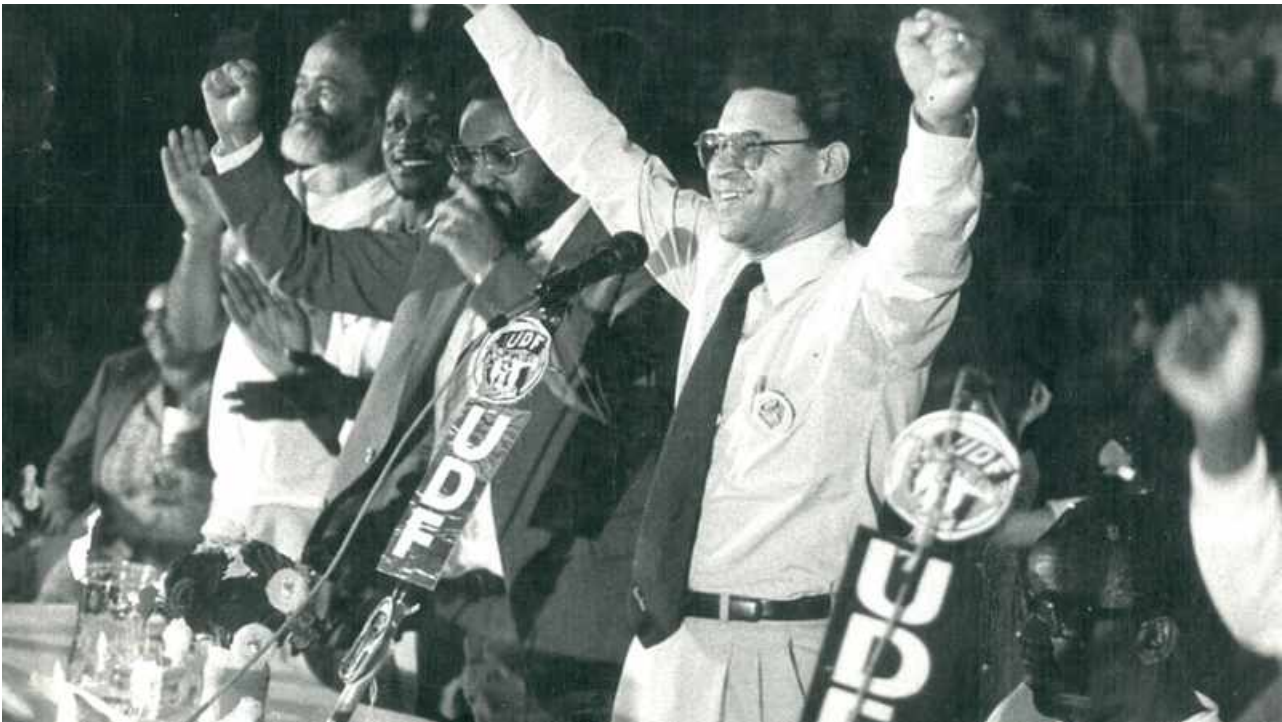
- (a) What events led to a full-scale conflict between the USA and North Vietnam by the mid-1960s?
- (b) What actions did the North Vietnamese take to counter American military operations between 1964 and 1972?
- (c) What was the impact of the conflict on Vietnam and South-East Asia by 1972?

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OR

QUESTION 5

The photograph below was taken on 20 August 1983 at the Rocklands Civic Centre on Mitchells Plain when the UDF was launched.



[Source: <<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/former-activists-celebrate-birth-of-udf-33-years-ago-2059039>>, Accessed 5 February 2022]

Explain, by answering the following questions, how the UDF challenged the apartheid state in the 1980s:

- (a) What led to the formation of the UDF in 1983?
- (b) What was the nature of the resistance organised by the UDF against the apartheid state in the 1980s?
- (c) How did the apartheid state respond to the resistance organised by the UDF in the 1980s?

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OR

QUESTION 6

The cartoon below, published in 2006, is a satirical comment on the evolving relationship between developing nations and Western capitalist organisations. It was drawn by Godfrey 'Gado' Mwampembwa. Gado is an internationally renowned cartoonist from Kenya.



[Source: <https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Cartoon-on-misguided-structural-reform-programs-of-IMF-and-World-Bank-and-the-impact-of_fig4_24113884>, Accessed 11 October]

Explain, by answering the following questions, how Western capitalist organisations (World Bank/IMF/WTO) have come to dominate the global economy:

- (a) What are the Western capitalist organisations and how do they dominate the global economy?
- (b) What impact do the Western capitalist organisations that dominate the global economy have on developing nations?
- (c) How has BRICS challenged the dominance of the Western capitalist organisations that dominate the global economy?

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Total: 100 marks