



NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION  
MAY 2025

**HISTORY: PAPER I**

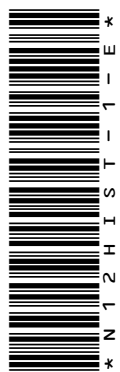
Time: 2 hours

100 marks

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**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; the ability to use relevant information critically is equally important 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          DISCURSIVE ESSAY**

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

A discursive essay showing evidence of analysis, interpretation, explanation, and argument is required. It should be approximately 800–900 words in length. (You do not need to include a word count.)

**QUESTION 1**

How effective was the United States in combatting communist military forces in South Vietnam between 1957 and 1969?

**[70]**

**OR**

**QUESTION 2**

How effective was the Women's Movement in achieving societal change in the United States in the 1960s and 1970s?

**[70]**

**OR**

**QUESTION 3**

How effective were international protests in achieving change in apartheid policy during the 1970s and 1980s?

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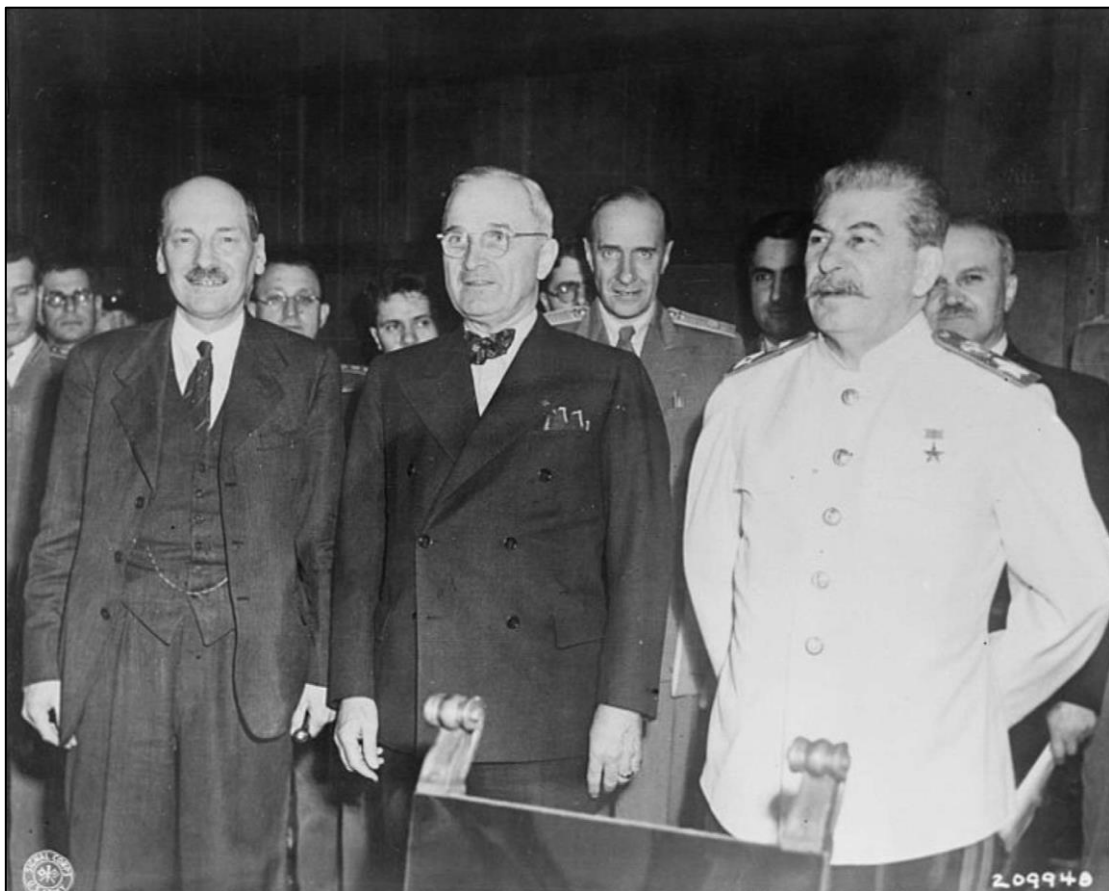
**SECTION B            EXTENDED WRITING**

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

The extended writing should be approximately 350–400 words in length. You should use your own knowledge, and you may also refer to the stimuli to answer the questions. (You do not need to include a word count.)

**QUESTION 4**

The photograph below was taken on 29 July 1945 at the Potsdam Conference in Potsdam, Germany. From left to right, British Prime Minister Clement Atlee, United States President Harry Truman, and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin.



[Source: <<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/potsdam-conference>>. Accessed 3 April 2024]

Explain how tensions in the Cold War developed between 1945 and 1955 by answering the following questions:

- (a) What led to Cold War tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union by 1945?
- (b) What actions did the United States and the Soviet Union take in Europe between 1945 and 1955 that worsened Cold War tensions?
- (c) What impact did Cold War tensions have on Europe by 1955?

**[30]**

**OR****QUESTION 5**

The photograph below shows Bill Whitfield of the Black Panther Party serving breakfast to children in April 1969 as part of the Free Breakfast for Children programme.



[Source: <<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/the-black-panthers-revolutionaries-free-breakfast-pioneers>>. Accessed 16 April 2024]

Explain the impact of the Black Power Movement in the United States in the 1970s by answering the following questions:

- (a) What led to the rise of the Black Power Movement in the United States in the 1970s?
- (b) What methods did the Black Power Movement use to uplift African American communities in the 1970s?
- (c) How successful was the Black Power Movement in the United States in the 1970s?

**[30]****OR**

**QUESTION 6**

The cover of the South African Students' Organisation (SASO) newsletter, Volume 2, Issue 4 of September/October 1972. It was published to report on the proceedings of the 1972 SASO Conference that was held in July in Hammanskraal.



[Source: <<https://www.sahistory.org.za/archive/saso-newsletter-september-1972>>. Accessed 19 April 2024]

Explain the importance of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa in the 1970s by answering the following questions:

- (a) What led to the rise of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa by the 1970s?
- (b) How did the Black Consciousness Movement challenge apartheid in the 1970s?
- (c) What was the impact of Black Consciousness in South Africa in the 1970s?

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30 marks

Total: 100 marks