

Part A: Period study: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

Question		
1		<p>Explain two consequences of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979).</p> <p>Target: Analysis of second order concepts: consequence [AO2]; Knowledge and understanding of features and characteristics [AO1].</p> <p>AO2: 4 marks</p> <p>AO1: 4 marks</p> <p>NB mark each consequence separately (2 x 4 marks).</p>
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
1	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple or generalised comment is offered about a consequence. [AO2] Generalised information about the topic is included, showing limited knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
2	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Features of the period are analysed to explain a consequence. [AO2] Specific information about the topic is added to support the explanation, showing good knowledge and understanding of the period. [AO1]
<p>Marking instructions</p> <p>Markers must apply the descriptors above in line with the general marking guidance (page 3).</p> <p>Performance in AO1 and AO2 is interdependent. An answer displaying no qualities of AO2 cannot be awarded more than the top of Level 1, no matter how strong performance is in AO1; markers should note that the expectation for AO1 is that candidates demonstrate both knowledge <i>and</i> understanding.</p> <p>Indicative content guidance</p> <p>Answers must be credited according to candidates' deployment of material in relation to the qualities outlined in the mark scheme. While specific references are made in the indicative content below, this does not imply that these must be included; other relevant material must also be credited.</p> <p>Relevant points may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It led to a 10-year involvement in Afghanistan for the Soviet Union and the ending of détente with the USA. It pushed President Carter into issuing the Carter Doctrine. This stated that any attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region would be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the USA, and would be repelled by any means necessary. It resulted in a US boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. It led the USA to place economic sanctions on the Soviet Union and to offer assistance to the <i>Mujahideen</i>. 		