

CHAPTER 2

America's Global Involvement and the Emergence of the Cold War

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. According to the text, key reasons for abandoning isolationism by the United States after World War II included
 - a. a changing attitude toward global involvement by Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and their advisors.
 - b. the fear that Britain under Winston Churchill was seeking to assert global power at American expense.
 - c. the economic and political vacuum that existed generally in central Europe and global politics.
 - d. the successful revolution in China by Chiang Kai-shek.
 - e. Both options A and C are true.

ANS: E

REF: 34, 35, 38

NOT: Conceptual

2. According to the text, which city did NOT bear the “scars of war” after World War II?
 - a. London
 - b. Vienna
 - c. New York
 - d. Berlin
 - e. Cologne

ANS: C

REF: 35

NOT: Factual

3. President Roosevelt's global blueprint design for ending World War II and for the postwar world envisaged all of the following *except*
 - a. the total defeat and disarming of adversaries.
 - b. a concerted effort to prevent future global economic depression and to foster self-determination for all states.
 - c. the reversion to isolationism by the United States.
 - d. the establishment of a collective global security organization.
 - e. the initiation of the “Four Policeman” concept to maintain global order.

ANS: C

REF: 36

NOT: Factual

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4. The view that the behavior of the Soviet Union was much like other nations in defining its interests and fostering its goals based upon power realities can be described as
- the "Yalta Axioms."
 - the "Riga Axioms."
 - Franklin Roosevelt's view.
 - George Kennan's view.
 - Both options A and C are true.

ANS: A

REF: 36

NOT: Conceptual

5. All of the following are steps in the strategy for the division and operation of postwar Europe *except*
- zones of German occupation would be created and controlled by Americans, British, French, and Soviets.
 - the Soviet Union would be denied territory from Poland.
 - the Polish government would be improved by the expansion of the Lublin Committee to include Polish government officials in exile in London.
 - a Declaration of Liberated Europe was proclaimed.
 - an agreement of the Soviets entry into the war against Japan was created.

ANS: B

REF: 37

NOT: Factual

6. According to the text, Truman's commitment to continued American involvement in global affairs after World War II was based upon
- a commitment to Wilsonian idealism regarding an internationalist role for the United States.
 - the circumstance of his assuming office after the completion of the Yalta Conference and his commitment to carrying out Roosevelt's policies.
 - the view of his closest advisors who promoted an international role for the United States.
 - Both options A and B are true.
 - All of the above are true.

ANS: E

REF: 38

NOT: Conceptual

7. The author of the "Iron Curtain" speech ("from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent") was
- George Kennan.
 - Joseph Stalin.
 - Winston Churchill.
 - Harry Truman.
 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

ANS: C

REF: 40

NOT: Factual

8. The view that the behavior of the Soviet Union was primarily driven by ideological considerations can be described as
- the "Yalta Axioms."
 - the "Riga Axioms."
 - Franklin Roosevelt's view.
 - George Kennan's view.
 - Both options B and D are true.

ANS: E

REF: 41

NOT: Conceptual

9. President Truman's speech to Congress in March, 1947 sought American aid for which two countries in the Mediterranean region?
- Iran and Turkey
 - Iran and Greece
 - Greece and Turkey
 - Romania and Turkey
 - Iraq and Turkey

ANS: C REF: 42 NOT: Factual

10. George Kennan identified all of the following conditions within the Soviet System that would aid the American policy of "containment" *except*
- the population of Russia was physically and spiritually tired.
 - the impact of the Soviet System on the young was unclear.
 - the performance of the Soviet economy had been notably uneven.
 - the Soviet gulag was effectively separating radical socialists from the population.
 - the issue of leadership succession was decidedly incomplete.

ANS: D REF: 43 NOT: Factual

11. The presidential doctrine usually associated with the emergence of the Cold War is
- the Truman Doctrine.
 - the Eisenhower Doctrine.
 - the Kennedy Doctrine.
 - the Johnson Doctrine.
 - the Nixon Doctrine.

ANS: A REF: 43 NOT: Factual

12. Formerly known as the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which of the following was the first regional security pact signed by the United States after World War II?
- Rio Pact
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
 - Central Treaty Organization (CENTO)
 - Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty (SEATO)
 - ANZUS Treaty

ANS: A REF: 44 NOT: Factual

13. Which of the following multilateral pacts established in the 1940s and 1950s did *not* have direct American membership?
- Rio Treaty
 - NATO Treaty
 - ANZUS Treaty
 - SEATO pact
 - CENTO Treaty

ANS: E REF: 44 NOT: Factual

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14. Which of the following collective defense arrangements was unusual as it seemed to call for a commitment to an automatic armed response to an attack by the signatories?
- a. Rio Treaty
 - b. NATO Treaty
 - c. ANZUS Treaty
 - d. SEATO pact
 - e. CENTO Treaty

ANS: B REF: 44 NOT: Factual

15. What was the name of the \$17 billion economic support program to rebuild the economic system of Western Europe after WWII?
- a. Marshall Plan
 - b. Point Four Plan
 - c. Potsdam agreement
 - d. Treaty of Versailles
 - e. Lend-Lease Act

ANS: A REF: 47 NOT: Factual

16. The economic assistance program, announced by President Truman in 1949, to provide industrial, technological, and economic assistance to the underdeveloped world was known as
- a. the Marshall Plan.
 - b. the Point Four Plan.
 - c. the Mutual Security Act of 1951.
 - d. Public Law 480.
 - e. NSC-68.

ANS: B REF: 47, 48 NOT: Factual

17. The assistance program that linked American aid and American security and marked the beginning in the growth of military assistance is known as the
- a. Marshall Plan.
 - b. Point Four Plan.
 - c. Mutual Security Act of 1951.
 - d. Foreign Assistance Acts.
 - e. Truman Doctrine.

ANS: C REF: 48 NOT: Factual

18. How does the National Security Council document NSC-68 give us a unique picture of the thinking of American officials towards containment?
- a. As it was classified until 1975, officials were unrestrained by the fear of public disclosure.
 - b. The year 1968 was a significant year wherein policies reified because of the Vietnam War.
 - c. It was the only document to identify containment as a foreign policy action.
 - d. It is a rare example of policy makers from the Senate and Congress working together on foreign policy.
 - e. It provided an opportunity of viewing containing because it dealt primarily with how to increase American policy goals in the Pacific Rim—an area rife with ideologically contested lands.

ANS: A REF: 50 NOT: Factual

19. Which of the following policy options was *not* outlined by the National Security Council document NSC-68?
- a. The continuation of present policies toward the Soviet Union
 - b. Returning to isolationism on the part of the United States
 - c. The resort to war against the Soviet Union
 - d. A rapid buildup of political, economic, and military strength in the Free World
 - e. De-emphasizing the domestic response to the Soviet threat

ANS: E REF: 50 NOT: Conceptual

20. The NSC-68 report advanced all of the following arguments *except*
- a. there is a fundamental incompatibility between the United States and the Soviet Union.
 - b. the Soviet assault on free institutions is worldwide and the United States, in its own interest, must resist this assault.
 - c. American defense expenditures were still comparable to the Soviet Union at the time of the report, but they would become inferior in a few years.
 - d. the Soviet Union is seeking to undermine America's social and cultural institutions by infiltration and intimidation.
 - e. Both options C and D are true.

ANS: C REF: 50–52 NOT: Applied

21. Which of the following was not identified in the text as being a direct effect of the Korean War on American foreign policy?
- a. The war resulted in a sharp increase in the American defense budget and the militarization of NATO.
 - b. Policy makers recognized the need to maintain large armies as limited wars may be necessary.
 - c. The war resulted in confirmation that the Sino-Soviet bloc was a reality and the need to combat it was a priority.
 - d. The Cold War Consensus was broken; American policy makers recognized the need for unilateral actions.
 - e. Credence was given to NSC-68 and rapid security arrangement changes followed.

ANS: D REF: 55, 56 NOT: Factual

22. According to the text, what was the first major test of containment, and the event that brought the Cold War fully into existence?
- a. Soviet forces refusing to leave Iran and continuing to meddle in their politics (1946)
 - b. Soviet pressure on Turkey for control of the Dardanelles (1947)
 - c. American response to the communist-supported national-liberation movement in Greece (1947).
 - d. The signing of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (1949).
 - e. The Korean War (1950).

ANS: E REF: 56 NOT: Applied

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23. The fear of change was expressed in several American military interventions throughout the 1950s and 1960s to prevent Communist gains. Which of the following was not an example of this?
- The toppling of Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran and the restoration of the Shah
 - The overthrow of the Jacobo Árbenz Guzmán government in Guatemala
 - The Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba
 - The Vietnam War
 - The Egyptian–Israeli and Syrian–Israeli disengagement agreements

ANS: E

REF: 58

NOT: Factual

24. Which of the following is a reason for the Sino-Soviet Split?
- Insufficient technological and economic assistance
 - Disagreement of communist ideals on the part of Mao and Nikita Khrushchev
 - Refusal of the Soviet Union to help China build an independent nuclear force
 - The de-Stalinization movement
 - All of the above are true.

ANS: E

REF: 62, 63

NOT: Factual

25. The nonaligned movement focused its efforts on the
- desire for independence by colonial territories, especially throughout Asia and Africa.
 - reassembling of the Sino-Soviet split.
 - further fissure between the unified East and unified West.
 - American effort to rally the world against communism.
 - effort to aid American perception towards stability and change.

ANS: A

REF: 65

NOT: Factual

ESSAY

1. According to the text, what are three factors that account for the United States deciding to abandon isolationism after World War II?

ANS: Answers may vary.

2. As outlined by “Mr. X” in the July, 1947, *Foreign Affairs* article, what was the overarching goal of *containment*? Who was Mr. X. eventually revealed to be?

ANS: Answers may vary.

3. Identify and briefly describe two regional multilateral politico-military alliances that were established with United States involvement after World War II.

ANS: Answers may vary.

4. Explain how America's dichotomous view of the world came to defining the "Free World" in a not-consistently positive way for the individuals within countries around the globe. What was the unifying characteristic of the "Free World"?

ANS: Answers may vary.

5. Why were the states in the Free World structure that joined the "Non-Aligned Movement" initiated by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India seen as threatening by policy makers of the United States?

ANS: Answers may vary.

6. How are George Kennan's "long telegram" and Nikolai Novikov's telegram similar and what was the principal implication of each for American-Soviet relations?

ANS: Answers may vary.

7. What was the key argument that Churchill advanced in his "iron curtain" speech in March, 1946, and how did it differ from Stalin's speech a month earlier in February, 1946?

ANS: Answers may vary.

8. Explain how the Truman Doctrine set the challenge to the Soviet Union that clearly showed the Cold War had begun. What were two key American foreign policy prescriptions that it called forth?

ANS: Answers may vary.

9. According to the text, for what two reasons is NATO considered the most important of the Regional Security Pacts? What is the significance of Article 5 for American policy, and how does this provision differ from other alliances created after World War II?

ANS: Answers may vary.

10. Identify and discuss two major examples of the economic and military assistance programs that formed part of the containment strategy. Were these programs successful? Why?

ANS: Answers may vary.

11. What were the policy recommendations of NSC-68 specifically in regards to (a) defense and (b) internal security? Was NSC-68 a defining document of the Cold War? Give three reasons.

ANS: Answers may vary.

12. What was the origin of the Korean War? Why is it viewed as the first test of containment?

ANS: Answers may vary.

13. What factors combined to communist-bloc breakdown with the Sino-Soviet split? How did historic rivalries and social-cultural differences contribute to the dispute?

ANS: Answers may vary.

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14. Describe how friction within NATO posed a challenge to the Cold War Consensus. What role did Charles de Gaulle play to aggravate or soothe tensions?

ANS: Answers may vary.

15. Was there an evident role for “Moral Principle” for America’s policy makers during the Cold War? Did the containment strategy support or go against the traditional moral values of Americans?

ANS: Answers may vary.