SECTION C

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PRESCRIBED SUBJECT 3 The Cold War 1945–1964. (Topic 5)

DOCUMENT A

Great Britain asking for help fighting Greek communists

U.S.

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DOCUMENT B *March 12 1947. Speech by President Harry S. Truman to the US Congress.* (excerpt from Truman Doctrine)

At the present moment in world history nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life. The choice is too often not a free one. One way of life is based upon the will of the majority.... The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, forced elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms.... The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of the people for a better life has died... **I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures...** that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way....

DOCUMENT C *June 5, 1947. Speech at Harvard University by Secretary of State George C Marshall* Initial proposal for the Marshall plan.

I need not tell you gentlemen that the world situation is very serious... The truth of the matter is that Europe's requirements for the next three to four years of foreign foods and other essential products – principally from America – are so much greater than her present ability to pay that she must have substantial economic help, or face economic, social and political deterioration of a very grave character... Aside from the demoralising effect on the world at large and the possibilities of disturbances arising as a result of the desperation of the people concerned, **the consequences to the economy of the United States should be apparent to all.** It is logical that the United States should do whatever is able to do to assist in the return of normal economic health in the world, without which there can be no political stability and no assured peace. **Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos.** Its purpose should be the revival of a working economy in the world so as to permit the emergence of political and social conditions in which free institutions can exist.

DOCUMENT D *Soviet Paper Izvestia September 1947.*

We are now witnessing a fresh intrusion of the USA into the affair of other states. American claims to leadership in international affairs grow parallel with the growing appetite of the American quarters concerned. But American leaders... fail to reckon with the fact that the old methods of the colonizers and diehard politicians have outlived their time and are doomed to failure. In this lies the chief weakness of Truman's message.

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Cold War Document Questions

1. **2 marks** Why is Document B a primary source?

2. **4 marks** Comment on the reliability of Document A.

3. **7 marks** Using these documents and your own knowledge, explain how the Truman doctrine and the Marshall Plan deepened the hostility between the US and the USSR.