**Year 11 Core Content Revision Questions**

**UNIT 1: Were the peace treaties of 1919-23 fair?**

1. What were the aims of each of the ‘Big Three’ at the Paris Peace Conference?
2. To what extent were the aims of the ‘Big Three’ achieved at the Paris Peace Conference?
3. Describe the military restrictions imposed on Germany be the Treaty of Versailles.
4. Describe Germany’s territorial losses under the Treaty of Versailles.
5. What problems did the Treaty of Versailles cause for Germany?
6. Explain why there was so much bitterness over the Treaty of Versailles.
7. Which was more important in causing Germany’s dissatisfaction with the Treaty: the imposing of reparations or the War Guilt Clause?
8. To what extent was the Treaty of Versailles justifiable at the time?

**UNIT 2: To what extent was the League of Nations a success?**

1. What were the roles of the Council and the Permanent Court of Justice in the organisation of the League?
2. How was the League of Nations weakened by its structure and membership?
3. What did the League of Nations hope to achieve when it was set up in 1920?
4. What work was carried out by the agencies of the League of Nations?
5. Describe the impact of the Depression on the work of the League of Nations?
6. Describe how the lack of an army affected the work of the League of Nations.
7. What were the main successes of the League of Nations?
8. “The refusal of the USA to become a member was the main reason for the failure of the League of Nations.” How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer.

**UNIT 3: Why had international peace collapsed by 1939?**

1. In what ways did Hitler revise the Treaty of Versailles between 1933 and 1936?
2. How far did the Treaty of Versailles cause the outbreak of war in 1939?
3. Why was the remilitarisation of the Rhineland important for Hitler?
4. Why was the Anschluss between Germany and Austria such a major achievement for Hitler in 1938?
5. To what extent was Hitler’s desire for lebensraum responsible for causing war in Europe?
6. Describe the policy of appeasement.
7. “The Nazi-Soviet Pact made Germany’s invasion of Poland in September 1939 a near certainty.” How far would you agree with this view? Explain your answer.

**UNIT 4: Who was to blame for the Cold War?**

1. What was the Yalta Conference?
2. Why did differences in ideology lead to the start of the Cold War?
3. How significant was Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” speech in influencing Truman’s decision to contain communism?
4. Following the Potsdam Conference, what caused an increase in tension between the Soviet Union and the West?
5. What methods did Stalin use to take over eastern Europe 1945-58?
6. Explain what the Truman Doctrine was.
7. Describe the Marshall Plan.
8. Explain what happened during the Berlin Blockade.
9. What was NATO formed in 1949?
10. “Blame for the start of the Cold War has to lie with Truman rather than Stalin.” How far do you agree with this view?

**UNIT 5: How effectively did the USA contain the spread of Communism?**

1. How did America use Cuba during the 1950s and 1960s?
2. What were the main achievements of Castro’s rule in Cuba?
3. Describe why the Bay of Pigs failed.
4. What were Khrushchev’s reasons for placing nuclear weapons on Cuba?
5. What concession di the US make to Russia in return for their withdrawal from Cuba?
6. Why did the US support the South Vietnamese government?
7. Why do you think Eisenhower and Kennedy were both reluctant to commit troops to Vietnam?
8. Why was the Tet offensive a turning point in the war?
9. How did American and Vietnamese tactics differ during the conflict?
10. Why did the US withdraw from Vietnam?

**UNIT 6: How secure was the USSR’s control over Eastern Europe, 1948-c.1989?**

1. How had the Soviet Union gained control of Eastern Europe?
2. What was the Warsaw Pact?
3. Why were the Russians so against the idea of reforms in Hungary?
4. What was the Prague Spring?
5. What caused the demand for change in Czechoslovakia?
6. Why were people leaving East Berlin up to 1961?
7. Why did the West do nothing about the Berlin Wall?
8. Why did the Solidarity movement succeed where other uprisings had failed?
9. Explain Gorbachev’s attitude to Eastern Europe.
10. Where was the USSR fighting a war during the 1980s? Why was this important to its loss of power in Eastern Europe?