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THE COLD WAR, COLONIALISM & GLOBAL POWER

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
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1. 'The only thing on which Truman and Stalin agreed at Potsdam was their position on Japan.' Comment on this statement and describe the situation leading up to this point. [20]
 2. Comment on the moves towards independence in the late twentieth century for the following cases:
 - a) The French in Vietnam
 - b) The British in South East Asia [10 each]
 3. At the end of the Second World War there was a 'quest for collective security'. Discuss this phrase and describe how this was attempted by the three powers – the US, Britain and the Soviet Union. [20]
 4. The Cold War in Asia was exacerbated by the tensions in Europe after the Second World War. Describe the following conflicts in this period:
 - a) The Korean War
 - b) The Chinese Civil War [10 each]
 5. 'Africa was the last frontier of European colonialism.' Discuss this statement in relation to the withdrawal of European countries from the African continent following the 1950s. [20]
 6. Describe the rebirth of Zionism in the twentieth century and how this impacted on Arab-Israeli relationships. [20]
 7. Discuss the role that Khrushchev played in the diplomatic issues between the Soviet Union and China. Was he helpful in improving relations between these two countries? [20]
 8. The war in Indochina was not expected to continue following the Korean War. Describe the circumstances that led to continued fighting in this region after 1953. [20]