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## Revision

# The origins of the Second World War

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Test your knowledge of the origins of the Second World War with these multiple-choice questions. Answers on the final page

## Questions

- 1 What term was used to describe Hitler's desire for more land in the east?  
Lebensborn   Lebensraum   Revisionism
- 2 In what year did the Nazis attempt a coup in Austria?  
1934   1936   1938
- 3 Which of the following states did NOT take part in the Stresa Conference?  
Britain   Germany   Italy
- 4 With which country did Germany sign a non-aggression pact in January 1934?  
France   Russia   Poland
- 5 With which country did France sign a pact in May 1935?  
Russia   Britain   Poland
- 6 What year was the Abyssinian crisis?  
1934   1935   1936
- 7 What was the name of the plan for the partition of Abyssinia?  
Rome Agreement   Stresa Plan   Hoare-Laval Plan
- 8 Which area did German troops march into in 1936?  
Ruhr   Rhineland   Silesia
- 9 What was the name of French defences on their eastern front?  
Maginot Line   Siegfried Line   Westwall
- 10 Which state sent aid to the Republicans in the Spanish Civil War?  
Germany   Italy   USSR

- 11 When was the Rome-Berlin Axis?  
1936            1937            1938
- 12 Which other country signed the Anti-Comintern Pact with Germany and Italy?  
USSR            Japan            Poland
- 13 Who did Hitler appoint to implement his Four Year Plan?  
Schacht            Himmler            Goering
- 14 What did the Four Year Plan prioritise on producing?  
Chemicals            Metals            Synthetic materials
- 15 When did Britain launch a four-year re-armament programme?  
1935            1936            1937
- 16 Who was the British prime minister associated with the policy of appeasement?  
Ramsay MacDonald    Neville Chamberlain    Stanley Baldwin
- 17 The term Anschluss is used to describe Germany's joining with which country?  
Italy            Austria            Czechoslovakia
- 18 When did the Anschluss take place?  
1936            1937            1938
- 19 In which country was the Sudetenland?  
Poland            Czechoslovakia            Austria
- 20 Who was the leader of the Sudeten Germans?  
Henlein            Schuschnigg            Dolfuss
- 21 What was the name of the conference at which the Sudeten Question was solved?  
Bad Godesberg            Berchtesgaden            Munich
- 22 Who was the French prime minister at the time of the Sudeten Crisis?  
Daladier            Poincare            De Gaulle
- 23 Which of the European nations was not invited to the conference about the Sudetens?  
Italy            USSR            France
- 24 Whose idea was the Munich Conference?  
Mussolini            Chamberlain            Daladier
- 25 Which capital city did German forces enter in March 1939?  
Vienna            Warsaw            Prague
- 26 To which country did Britain and France offer a guarantee in 1939?  
Romania            Poland            Hungary

27 Where did Mussolini invade in April 1939?

Albania          Yugoslavia          Switzerland

28 Which of the following countries would not allow Soviet troops to pass through in the event of a crisis with Germany?

Bulgaria          Poland          Hungary

29 With whom did Germany sign a non-aggression pact in August 1939?

Poland          Hungary          USSR

30 Which country did the pact agree to divide between the two nations?

Poland          Hungary          Bulgaria

31 Who was the British foreign secretary in 1939?

Eden          Halifax          Churchill

32 When did German troops invade Poland?

1 September 1939          3 September 1939          1 October 1939

33 When did Britain and France declare war on Germany?

1 September 1939          3 September 1939          1 October 1939

## Answers

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lebensraum           | 18 1938             |
| 2 1934                 | 19 Czechoslovakia   |
| 3 Germany              | 20 Henlein          |
| 4 Poland               | 21 Munich           |
| 5 Russia and Britain   | 22 Daladier         |
| 6 1935                 | 23 USSR             |
| 7 Hoare-Laval Plan     | 24 Mussolini        |
| 8 Rhineland            | 25 Prague           |
| 9 Maginot Line         | 26 Poland           |
| 10 Italy and USSR      | 27 Albania          |
| 11 1936                | 28 Poland           |
| 12 Japan               | 29 USSR             |
| 13 Goering             | 30 Poland           |
| 14 Synthetic materials | 31 Halifax          |
| 15 1936                | 32 1 September 1939 |
| 16 Neville Chamberlain | 33 3 September 1939 |
| 17 Austria             |                     |

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