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Revision

The end of the Cold War

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Test your knowledge of the end of the Cold War with these multiple-choice questions. Answers on the final page

Questions

- 1 By the mid 1980s the total production of the USSR was at what percentage of the USA?
25% 29% 33% 37%
- 2 How much oil did the USSR export?
10% 20% 30% 40%
- 3 What was the growth rate in the USSR economy by the 1980s?
2% 4% 6% 8%
- 4 When was the accident at the nuclear reactor at Chernobyl?
1984 1986 1988 1990
- 5 When did invasion of Afghanistan occur?
1977 1978 1979 1980
- 6 What was the name of the guerrillas fighting in Afghanistan?
Taliban Al Qaeda Mujahedeen Muslim League
- 7 When did Gorbachev become general secretary of the Communist Party?
1984 1985 1986 1987
- 8 At which meeting did Gorbachev attempt to persuade Reagan to give up SDI developments?
Iceland Norway Washington Moscow
- 9 At which meeting did the USA agree to withdraw medium-range missiles from Europe?
Iceland Norway Washington Moscow
- 10 Who preceded Gorbachev as leader of the USSR?
Brezhnev Andropov Chernenko Yeltsin
- 11 What term was used to describe the restructuring of the economy and the relaxation of central control in the USSR?
Five Year Plans Perestroika Capitalism Glasnost

- 12 What term was used to describe openness in political issues?
Democracy Perestroika Freedom Glasnost
- 13 When was private enterprise introduced into some industries in the USSR?
June 1987 Sept 1987 Jan 1988 April 1988
- 14 In what year did the dominance of the Communist Party in the USSR end?
1989 1990 1991 1992
- 15 In which country did Solidarity emerge?
Hungary Czechoslovakia Poland East Germany
- 16 When did Soviet troops withdraw from Afghanistan?
1986 1987 1988 1989
- 17 How many Soviet troops were sent to Afghanistan?
10,000 50,000 100,000 200,000
- 18 How many Soviet troops were killed or wounded in Afghanistan?
25,000 33,000 38,000 43,000
- 19 Where did unrest begin in Poland?
Warsaw Gdansk Cracow Silesia
- 20 When was Solidarity recognised as a political party?
Jan 1989 April 1989 July 1989 Nov 1989
- 21 What percentage of seats were Solidarity allowed to contest in the elections?
20% 25% 30% 35%
- 22 Who was the president of the new Polish government after elections in 1989?
Jaruzelski Husak Gromulko Havel
- 23 Who replaced Kadar in Hungary in 1988?
Nagy Grosz Pozsgay Rakosi
- 24 What was the name of the Bulgarian leader removed from power in November 1989?
Mladenov Mazowiecki Zhivkov Todor
- 25 Who became leader of Bulgaria in November 1989?
Mladenov Zhivkov Mazowiecki Todor
- 26 When did Hungary open its borders with Austria?
Aug 1989 Sept 1989 Oct 1989 Nov 1989
- 27 In which East German city were there major demonstrations calling for change in September and October 1989?
Dresden Magdeburg Chemnitz Leipzig

- 28 Who was the East German communist leader in September 1989?
Ulbricht Husak Honecker Krenz
- 29 Who was the East German leader who opened the East German border?
Ulbricht Husak Honecker Krenz
- 30 What was the name of the opposition group in Czechoslovakia led by Vaclav Havel?
Solidarity Charter 77 Amnesty Civic Forum
- 31 What term was used to describe the end of communism in Czechoslovakia?
Orange Revolution Silent Revolution Velvet Revolution Civic Revolution
- 32 When was Czechoslovakia split into two states?
1990 1991 1992 1993
- 33 Which state was Nicolae Ceausescu president of?
Hungary Czechoslovakia Bulgaria Romania
- 34 When was Ceausescu executed?
Nov 1989 Dec 1989 Jan 1990 Feb 1990
- 35 In which city had demonstrations started against Ceausescu?
Prague Budapest Bucharest Timisoara
- 36 When was there an attempted coup to overthrow Gorbachev?
1990 1991 1992 1993
- 37 Who was the US president at the time of the coup?
Nixon Carter Reagan Bush
- 38 Of which city was Yeltsin mayor?
Leningrad Moscow Kiev Stalingrad
- 39 When was the Communist Party in the USSR banned from political activities?
Sept 1991 Oct 1991 Nov 1991 Dec 1991
- 40 When did Belarus and Ukraine withdraw from the USSR?
Sept 1991 Oct 1991 Nov 1991 Dec 1991
- 41 When was the social, economic and monetary reunion between East and West Germany?
Jan 1990 March 1990 May 1990 July 1990
- 42 When was the reunification treaty between the states of East Germany and West Germany?
Aug 1990 Sept 1990 Oct 1990 Nov 1990
- 43 Following reunification, how much money did the West put into East Germany?
\$1 trillion \$2 trillion \$3 trillion \$4 trillion
- 44 Which of the following countries were opposed to the reunification of Germany?

- | | UK | USSR | USA | China |
|----|--|----------|-----------|--------|
| 45 | Who became president of Serbia in 1989? | | | |
| | Tudjman | Tito | Milosevic | Mladic |
| 46 | When did Croatia and Slovenia declare independence? | | | |
| | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 |
| 47 | In which state was there a large Serb minority who wanted to join Serbia, and this led to civil war? | | | |
| | Croatia | Slovenia | Kosovo | Bosnia |
| 48 | In which state did Serbia repress nationalism? | | | |
| | Croatia | Slovenia | Kosovo | Bosnia |

Answers

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|----|-------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | 37% | 25 | Mladenov |
| 2 | 30% | 26 | Aug 1989 |
| 3 | 2% | 27 | Leipzig |
| 4 | 1986 | 28 | Honecker |
| 5 | 1979 | 29 | Krenz |
| 6 | Mujahadeen | 30 | Charter 77 |
| 7 | 1985 | 31 | Velvet Revolution |
| 8 | Iceland | 32 | 1992 |
| 9 | Washington | 33 | Romania |
| 10 | Chernenko | 34 | Dec 1989 |
| 11 | Perestroika | 35 | Timisoara |
| 12 | Glasnost | 36 | 1991 |
| 13 | June 1987 | 37 | Bush |
| 14 | 1990 | 38 | Moscow |
| 15 | Poland | 39 | Nov 1991 |
| 16 | 1989 | 40 | Dec 1991 |
| 17 | 100,000 | 41 | May 1990 |
| 18 | 38,000 | 42 | Aug 1990 |
| 19 | Gdansk | 43 | \$2 trillion |
| 20 | April 1989 | 44 | UK |
| 21 | 35% | 45 | Milosevic |
| 22 | Jaruzelski | 46 | 1991 |
| 23 | Grosz | 47 | Croatia |
| 24 | Zhivkov | 48 | Kosovo |

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