Questions/Main ideas:

**Postwar Japan**

On 16 August 1945, Emperor Hirohito spoke to Japanese citizens telling them to be calm and confident as occupational forces moved in.

First defeat in 2000 years.

Americans, Soviets, and Chinese expanded their spheres of influence in the Japanese-occupied regions. Britain, France, and the Netherlands moved to regain their colonies.

General Douglas MacArthur assumed control of American occupation of Japan.

Demands of USSR and other allies to participate in occupation denied.

11-member Far East Commission had little influence over American policy

USA’s allies not welcome in the Pacific theatre

**Occupation**

Japan was stripped of its empire and limited to four main islands.

Equipment handed over to American bases, planes destroyed.

USSR regained it’s 1904 territory, despite being in the Pacific War for navy a few days. Also took over the railways, mines and industrial facilities in Manchuria. Democratic representative government set up in Japan and the military was denied any part in the government. Over 900 Japanese war criminals executed. Immediate task was the rebuilding of the agricultural sector. New development policies led to breakup of large estates an divided land to 2.5 million tenant farmers.

Also worked on rebuilding Japanese industry to supply American forces.

As a result of USA’s strategic needs, Japan was producing enough food and goods by 1948 for its own needs and those of the occupation forces

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Questions/Main ideas:

**International Relations**

USA moved to normalize relations with Japan. Events in China and Korea and the hostility between the USA and USSR left America to strengthen Japan.

To get other Asian nations to agree to Japanese reconstruction, the USA promised security against a rearmed Japan. A treaty was signed between Japan and 48 other nations in San Francisco in September 1951, but the Soviets and their allies refused.

After Stalin’s death, tensions between USSR and Japan ceased. They acknowledge USSR’s territorial claims in return for the Soviets’ removing their veto of Japan’s membership in the UN.

Japan renounces it’s claim to Korea, Taiwan, the Kuriles and the south half of Sakhalin island. They gave up the territories gained after WWI and agreed to American occupation of Okinawa and Bonin.

**Industry And Trade**

The quick return of Japan’s industrial strength was in part a result of the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

Strategic location made it the supplier of economic and military needs, becoming the arsenal of the wars without participating. Everything the Americans needed by way of equipment and repairs could be supplied by Japan, orders poured into Japanese industry. Shift from light to heavy industry and high-technology production was accompanied by massive reforms in state-controlled education.

By 1960, Japanese industry was seeking markets among former enemies and securing raw materials to fuel industrial growth. 1/3 of Japan’s exports go to USA, EU close behind. 5-year commercial arrangement was concluded between Japan and China in 1962. Inhibited in its trade with China by American hostility to Beijing, subsided later to take advantage of the growing rift between China and USSR. By 1970’s Japan had become an economic giant, causing economic reassessment

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Industry And Trade – Continued**

Japan felt betrayed and resentful of the major trade shift of trade patterns between USA and China (the two representing ¼ of the world’s population)

Textile interests forced American government to impose a ban on some Japanese imports and a 10% surcharge on other goods. This halved Japanese economic growth and fostered anti-American feelings. Attitudes eased in 1972, when Nixon met with Sato in Honolulu where Japan agreed to massive purchase of American goods to redress the USA’s imbalance of repayments. Over 90% of Japan’s energy supplies came from Middle East. OPEC price increases hit them hard. Diversification of suppliers and investment in Asia cut dependence on OPEC by 60%. By 1980, Japan was using 1/10 of the world’s raw materials and more than 1/10 of the world’s oil production. Japan only behind USA in industrial strength. Growing trade imbalance led to American demands for greater access to Japanese market or tariffs to halt the flow of goods.

**India And Pakistan**

In 1945, Britain began the transfer of sovereignty to Indian leaders. Britain suggested a three-level government: all-Indian congress, which would manage foreign affairs, defense, and communication; a middle level of regional groupings; and a lower level of local officials.

Gandhi and future PM Jawaharlal Nehru rejected

Opposed Britain’s proposal to hold plebiscites fearing that a plebiscite would result in Muslim demands for a sovereign government. The Muslim league made great strides in gaining support for a separate Muslim nation. Despite objections, the British agree to partition along religious lines, but found it difficult to determine and establish. Muslim League began demonstrations in favour of separation. Rioting in Calcutta killed some 4000 and soon spread north. Reprisals verged on civil war: tens of thousands were butchered.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**India And Pakistan – Continued**

All authority except that of religious leaders seemed to have vanished. The British dispatched Lord Mountbatten as governor general to hurry the date of independence. Mountbatten plan proposed an exchange of populations between Hindu and Muslim regions. 6 million Sikhs were not accorded a separate state due to not forming a majority. A new Muslim state of Pakistan would be formed, and further separated into two parts. East Pakistan later formed into Bangladesh. As partition approached, 12 million people jammed into highways, seeking sanctuary in new homelands. Total loss of life during the partition were in excess of 250,000 Nonviolence advocate Gandhi was assassinated on Jan 30, 1948.

**Kashmir**

While Pakistan was established in ‘47, one Hindu monarch chose to join India despite the Muslim majority. This was Jammu-Kashmir. Holding a strategically significant trade route called Khyber Pass, both countries sent forces to contest the region, reaching a ceasefire in 1948. Both countries lay claim to this state. Pakistani government began to support guerilla forces, claiming to be unable to control them. Pakistan admits repeated attempts to pry Kashmir away from India, while the Indians admit to rigging elections and other actions to interfere from the state’s democratic process. Since 1992 Pakistani nationals and Afghan irregulars have joined in fighting for the region. India and Pakistan have gone to war over the regions in 1947-48, 1965, 1971, 1999. India maintains about 400000 troops of 1.1 million. As India’s military force outnumbered Pakistan, they supported irregulars to help pin Indian forces in an inexpensive form. Civilian-based terrorism accused on both sides. Military power is balanced by each other’s nuclear arsenal. Both have pursued chemical and biological weapons. India has declared a no-first-strike strategy and General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan declared use of every weapon available if Pakistan’s existence is threatened.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Korea**

Days before order in Japan was restored, the Soviets raced into Manchuria and Korea. American forces advanced and met the Soviets at the 38th parallel (Current political boundary of N and S Korea)

In 1947, the US took the Korea issue to the UN, calling for national elections under UN supervision. After elections, both occupying powers were to withdraw.

A government was established in South Korea claiming to be the government of all Korea, though its mandate ran only to the 38th parallel. A communist-backed government was established in North Korea

1949, Americans and Soviets both withdrew their forces. On June 25 1950, northern troops crossed the border and captured Seoul.

UN security council passed a resolution requiring the cessation of forces , ultimately being ignored. After which, all the members of the Security Council called on all members to help South Korea repel the attack. A soviet veto put an end on any chance of collective action.

USSR and China protested against UN involvement, claiming it was a civil war and outside the boundaries of UN activity.

USA referred to the general assembly, which could on recommend action than order it.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Korea continued**

With a handful of nations offering military support, General MacArthur was given command of the UN force on 8 July 1950. 50% of the army, 85% navy, and 90% air force was American. 16 other nations (including Canada) contributed to the UN force.

UN forces able to push North Korea beyond the 38th parallel, bringing about the question whether just to repel the aggressor or go for the gusto and unify the peninsula forcefully. On October 7th the General Assembly voted for unification; by the end of the month UN forces were approaching the Yalu river, the boundary of Manchuria. Approach of UN forces to the Chinese border brought panic. Chinese communist leaders were convinced the operation was a smoke screen to cover American invasion of China to reinstate the Guomindang. Premier Zhou Enlai warned America to stay away from China’s boundaries. When ignored, significant numbers of Chinese troops entered Korea on 16 October and drove the UN force south. Altogether, about 700000 Chinese volunteers took part in the war Seoul was captured, retaken by UN army. Chinese forces pushed back to the 38th parallel where the front was stabilized until armistice negotiations began in July 1951.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Even More Korea**

Talks dragged on for two more years before a formal ceasefire was agreed upon in 1953. China entered out of fear that America intended to invade China through Korea and reinstate Jiang Jieshi. Towards the end of conflict, it became a more Sino-American fight. General MacArthur had clear goals to wage full-scale war against China, even if it meant using nuclear weapons. This led to his dismissal. Geneva conference in 1954 failed to produce an agreement on Koreas. In 1989, North and South opened limited trade between themselves due to fear of North Korea’s economy and its imminent collapse. This trade lies at the foundation of South Korea’s Sunshine Policy of reconciliation. Neighbouring states feared North Korea’s collapse would trigger use of nuclear weapons. North Korea’s unwillingness to give up their nuclear program has led to America threatening to cut off oil supplies. Both Koreas are not particularly interested in unification Agreement to build a rail link across the demilitarized zone.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Background Of The ‘Nam**

French took control of protectorates Annam, Tonkin, Cochin-China (Those called the “three Kys”) and the Kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia in the latter 19th century, making up French Indo-China. The French held these territories until Japanese occupation in 1940-1945. During this time, nationalist groups flee to China or collaborate with either the French and Japanese. Ho Chi Min of the communist party stayed and resisted the invasion. They gained support in a united front called the Viet Minh. Once Japan surrendered, the communists took power under a provisional government after toppling the Japanese occupational government under Bao Dai. At the end of WWII, the British liberated South Vietnam and Chinese Nationalist forces liberated the Northern area. Both forces withdrew in 1946 in favour of the returning French, but not before Jiang Jieshi had officially Ho Chi Minh’s provisional government in N. Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh tried to get America involved in hastening Chinese withdrawal. America was not interested in Indo-China as they needed support from France. The French refused to recognize Ho Chi Minh’s government and re-established their own control over the region of Saigon. They offered associate-state status within the Empire, but this was not independence Minh desired. November 1946, the French bombed Haiphong, to which the Viet Minh responded in December with raids in Hanoi killing 40 and abducting 200. Resulting war was to last 7.5 years ending in French defeat at Dien Bien Phu in ’54 The French in Dien Bien Phu. As this conflict was taking place at the same time as the conflict in Korea, Vietnam became an anti-communist crusade, bringing a massive influx of American aid, which by ’54 rose to $1.1 billion.

This was not enough to win however, as French losses escalated to guerilla ambushes while the kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia gained independence

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**Background – Continued**

Defeat after the six-month siege of Dien Bien Phu convinced the French to leave Indo-China.

26 April 1954, a nine power conference on Vietnam and Korea met at Geneva. While not achieving primary goals, they made a provision of division along the 17th parallel, an exchange of populations, and withdrawal supervised by Canada, Poland, and India. Elections originally to be held every 2 years to the chagrin of USA, which the larger northern population virtually guaranteed a communist government. Certain of American support, the South dissociated from Geneva agreements. In support of a southern regime under Bao Dai and later Ngo Dinh Diem, the USA moved to reinforce its position through the formation of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), an alliance of Pakistan, Thailand, Philippines, USA, Australia, NZ, Britain, and France to provide joint action in case of renewal of war in Vietnam. SEATO fails phenomenally and was dissolved in 1975. In the North, Ho Chi Minh began a program of agrarian reform modeled on Chinese collective. This worked just as swimmingly as the Chinese reform, leading to a peasant uprising killing over 50000 people. Essential foodstuffs had to be imported from the South and attempts to industrialized required support from USA and Czechoslovakia. Americans continued to move in support of the South. Great fear was that if they fell to the communists, all other Asian states would follow suit – The Domino Theory. By 1955, the number of American advisors to South Vietnam surpassed limits established at Geneva. Ngo Dinh Diem, a refugee from the North, declared himself president of the republic. Seen as an anti-communist ally of the USA, he administered the South not by democracy but by secret societies that antagonized the dominant Buddhist faith. This corruption led to an active communist opposition that grew in the South under the name Viet Cong, which had much public support.

American policy continued to be anti-communist and went about gallantly protecting the peoples of Asia from such aggression.

Questions/Main ideas:

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Questions/Main ideas:

**REVOLUTION BEGINS**

Revolution began for either reason:

Began as a spontaneous protest against repressive Catholic regime in South

Uprisings were orchestrated by Hanoi in N. Vietnam with Soviet assistance.

Former appears more plausible. In ’63 Buddhist hostility to Catholic regime reached climax, where monks publicly burned themselves which spearheaded mass demonstrations. Timeline of The ‘Nam.

Diem’s response to such demonstrations were particularly harsh. America cut off aid to Diem and plotted his removal.

After Diem’s removal many coups followed until some stability was reached under Nguyen Ky and Nguyen Van Thieu in 1965.

At this time, Viet Cong extended their operations to drive Americans out of the country. This led to North Vietnam decided to send divisions to save their allies.

Green Berets initiated “protected hamlet plan” which gathered peasants in defensible strong points to deny food and shelter to guerillas.

This failed as both sides were ethnically the same and peasants continued to support guerillas.

Most villagers resisted resettlements and resented the regime of Diem.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**Tonkin Resolution**

War extended North in ’64 when an American destroyer was attacked by Vietnamese gunboats in the Gulf of Tonkin. President Lyndon Johnson used this incident to get congressional approval to fight back. Tonkin Resolution allowed the President to wage war in ‘Nam with congressional consent.

Bombing of Haiphong harbour began in ’65. By ’68 Americans has 500000 soldiers on the field.

It came clear that America couldn’t win the war without bombing the people they came to protect , and they went about trying to solve the problem politically. President offered to negotiate provided that S. Vietnam could remain an independent state with economic aid from US and further $16 billion in aid to S. East Asia. Ho Chi Minh rejected and Premier Pham Van Dong countered the bid calling for evacuation of foreign troops and allow Vietnam to decide their future internally. in ’68 the Viet Cong made an impressive yet militarily ineffective attack called the Tet Offensive. They attacked cities with 84000 people. 35000 Viet Cong were killed and they lost their ability to fight conventional war. After the Tet offensive, General Westmoreland asked for a dramatic increase of American forces to finish the jobs. Request was leaked to the public and sparked large anti-war protests Lessons learned Tet

Viet Cong besieged the city of Saigon and held the city of Hue for a while, but the insurrection they hoped for never happened. Use of napalm and defoliants caused revulsion within the American public. President Johnson decided not to run for re-election and Nixon became president in November 1968. The tornado fusion of North Vietnam’s immovable resolve, the futility of America’s intensive bombing campaign, and negative public opinion led Nixon to open peace talks.

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Questions/Main ideas:

**End Of The War**

May 1968, talks open between N. ‘Nam and USA, joined by Viet Cong and reps from S. ‘Nam. My Lai Massacre. Talks dragged for four years. This delay brought renewed attempts to cut off the Ho Chi Minh Trail by invading Laos and Cambodia.

Invasion of neutral countries like Cambodia and events like the My Lai Massacre (5:17) brought public furor. Nixon began to turn more of fighting over to the S. ‘Nam army. Early 1969, the Americans cut their forces by half, creating doubt among other Asian allies about American commitment.

Paris agreements of January 1973 called for ceasefire, removal of foreign troops from Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea and sovereignty of both ‘Nams. POWs were to be released within 60 days.

When fighting came to an end, some 2 million Vietnamese had been killed, and the Americans suffered 55 000 dead and spent $100 billion. Saigon was renamed Ho Chi Minh city. Fall of Saigon

After communist victory, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese fled by crowding into small boats and heading to sea. About 70% of these people were killed by pirates, storms, drowning or starvation. Only 400 000 made it to safety. They became known as the “Boat People”. 750 000 were resettled in several countries. Unification of Vietnam did not stop fighting in the region. They invaded Cambodia in 1978 and repulsed a Chinese invasion in 1979. Both of these were supported by the USSR.

Soviets vetoed the condemnation of Vietnam by security council and stationed guided-missile equipped squadrons in Vietnam waters from time to time. In the latter 1980’s, the United States attempted to gain influence of the region. In 1995 president Clinton announced his intention to normalize relations with the Vietnam government. This initiative was brought about to recognize that Vietnam had adopted a free market economy and a more open society. Improved relationship allowed a substantial increase in American investment as well as resurgence in tourism. American embargo on Vietnam was lifted in 1994.

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