COLD WAR QUESTION PRACTICE

Source A: A cartoon from a British newspaper, 1968. The figure, Brezhnev, is tidying his garden, labelled Eastern Europe. Dubcek's face is in the centre of the flower he has just cut back

1. Source A criticises Brezhnev's actions in Czechoslovakia. How do you know? Explain your answer by using source A and your contextual knowledge (4 marks)

Source B

In 1961 we increased our military aid to Cuba. We were sure the Americans would never agree to the existence of Castro's Cuba. They feared that a socialist Cuba would attract other Latin American countries to socialism. We had to find an effective deterrent to American interference in Cuba. The Cuban missile crisis was a triumph for Soviet foreign policy and a personal triumph in my career. Today, Cuba exists as an independent socialist country right in front of America. We forced the US to demobilise and recognise Cuba.

An extract from Khrushchev's memoirs in which he writes about the Cuban missile crisis

Source C

BACKDOWN AT CASTRO GULCH

A cartoon for the Los Angeles Herald, an American newspaper, published on October 29, 1962. The cartoon shows the USA as a cowboy ready to face Khrushchev who is walking away from the confrontation.

2. How useful are Sources B and C to a historian studying the Cuban missile crisis? Explain your answer using Sources B and C and your contextual knowledge (8 MARKS)

3. Write an account of how the Berlin blockade and airlift led to an increase in tension between the superpowers (8 MARKS)

4. The most important reason for tension between East and West in the 1950s was the actions of the USA. How far do you agree? (16 MARKS) + 4 spag