#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

### Potential Arguments and Information

• Overall changes 1918–1953: shift from isolationism/independent internationalism to interventionism and containment due to international events and developments, domestic economic conditions, executive/congressional actions and perceptions, public opinion

#### Post World War I:

- Wilson's vision of U.S. internationalism vs. Lodge and isolationists (reservationists and irreconcilables)
- Disillusionment with World War I's failure to achieve idealistic principles on which entry was based
- Anti-Bolshevism, Red Scare
- Defeat of Treaty of Versailles in United States Senate
- United States failure to join League of Nations or the World Court

### 1920-1932:

- Isolationism or independent internationalism (because of experience in World War I),
   "Return to normalcy" of the Gilded Age foreign policy concepts
- Attempts at arms reduction Washington Naval Conference (Five-Power Treaty)
- Four-Power Treaty (abrogates the Anglo-Japanese Treaty)
- Nine-Power Treaty (reaffirms the Open Door policy)
- Kellogg-Briand Pact
- Desire to collect war debts from Allies (Dawes Plan, Young Plan) and protect United States economy (high tariffs – Fordney-McCumber, Hawley-Smoot)
- Rise of fascism (Italy), Nazism (Germany), militarism (Japan)
- Japanese invasion of Manchuria prompted Stimson Doctrine—did little and Hoover forbade economic sanctions through cooperation with League

#### 1933-1938:

- More internationalist approach by Franklin Roosevelt due to economic and political consideration, but constrained by the Great Depression, isolationist public sentiment, and Congress, 1933–1939
  - Recognition of Soviet Union
  - London Economic Conference
  - Nye Committee investigation (merchants of death)
  - America First Committee
  - Good Neighbor policy (Montevideo Conference)
  - Reciprocal trade agreements
- Increasing aggression by Italy, Japan, and Germany in Europe, Africa, and Asia
  - Congress wanted to maintain neutrality (Neutrality Acts 1935, 1936, 1937)
  - Ouarantine speech
  - United States' position of neutrality in Spanish Civil War
  - Japanese invasion of China prompted reaction from Roosevelt (quarantine speech), but the public thought the speech was too aggressive
  - Panay incident

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### 1939-1945:

- Government took more internationalist position in response to war in Europe (1939–1941) and naval engagements between United States and Germany in fall 1941
  - Neutrality Act 1939
  - Cash-and-carry
  - The Destroyer Deal
  - Lend-Lease
  - Atlantic Charter (four freedoms)
  - Pearl Harbor attack prompted declaration of war by United States
  - Get Hitler first.
- World War II: defeat Axis; plan international cooperation for postwar world
  - Grand Alliance
  - Casablanca Conference (Churchill and Roosevelt)
  - Big Three conferences: Tehran, Yalta, Potsdam
  - Planning for United Nations, Dumbarton Oaks Conference, San Francisco Conference
  - Manhattan Project

#### 1945-1953:

- Onset and expansion of Cold War
  - Soviet/communist control of Eastern Europe
  - Fear of Soviet/communist expansion into Western Europe
  - Arms race between United States and Soviet Union
  - Soviet detonation of atomic bomb
  - Chinese Revolution
- Containment policy (would also help build United States economy through increased defense spending)
  - Truman Doctrine
  - George Kennan
  - Marshall Plan
  - Berlin Airlift
  - NATO
  - NSC-68
  - Arms research and development (atomic and hydrogen bombs)
  - House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), McCarthyism
  - New Look foreign policy
- Invasion of South Korea by North Korea: prompts United Nation (UN) military intervention in the Korean War, 1950–1953
  - Stalemate at end
  - Revealed difficulty of Cold War victory

### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### **Potential Outside Information**

5-5-3 ratio

America First Committee

Arms Race Article X Atlantic Charter Atom Bomb Berlin Airlift Big Three

Bretton Woods Agreement

Cash-and-carry

Chiang Kai-shek (Jiang Jieshi)

Chinese Nationalists-Kuomintang (Guomindang)

Churchill, Winston

Cold War

Committee to Defend America by Aiding the

Allies Containment Coolidge, Calvin Dawes Plan

Declaration of Neutrality Destroyer for Bases Deal

Disarmament

Dumbarton Oaks Conference

Eisenhower, Dwight D. ("I will go to Korea.")

Fall of China to Communism Fordney-McCumber Tariff

Four-Power Treaty (abrogates Anglo-Japanese

Alliance)

Fourteen Points

Good Neighbor policy (Montevideo Conference )

Get Hitler First
Grand Alliance
Harding, Warren
Hawley-Smoot Tariff
Hoover, Herbert

House Committee on Un-American Activities

(HUAC)

Hughes, Charles Evan Hydrogen bomb Iron Curtain

Irreconcilables (William Borah, Hiram Johnson)

Isolationism Kennan, George Korean War League of Nations

Lend-Lease

Lindbergh, Charles

London Economic Conference Manchurian (Mukden) Incident

Manhattan Project

Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong)

Marshall Plan
McCarthyism
Merchants of Death
Montevideo Conference

Munich Agreement ("peace in our time")

Nazi Party (Germany)

Neutrality Acts (1935, 1936, 1937, 1939)

New Look

Nine-Power Treaty (reasserts principles of the Open

Door Policy in China)

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Nye Committee hearings
Palmer, A. Mitchell
Panay incident
Pearl Harbor attack
Point Four program
Potsdam Conference
Preparedness campaign
Quarantine speech
Recognition of USSR

Red Scare
Reservationists
Return to normalcy
Rosenberg trial
Russian Revolution

San Francisco Conference Security Conference

Selective Training and Service Act

Solemn referendum Spanish Civil War Stimson doctrine Treaty of Versailles Truman, Harry Yalta Conference

Young plan

Washington Naval Conference

Wilson, Woodrow World War II

### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

### **DOCUMENT LIST**

#### Document A

United States Defense Spending as a Percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 1918–1953.

#### Document B

Source: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr., speech to the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, August 12, 1919.

#### Document C

Source: The Washington Treaty, also known as the Five-Power Treaty, signed by the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, and Italy, 1922.

#### Document D

Source: Message from Secretary of State Henry Stimson to the Japanese government after its invasion of Manchuria, January 7, 1932.

#### Document E

Source: Senator Gerald P. Nye, speech before the "Keep America Out of War" meeting, New York City, May 27, 1935.

#### Document F

Source: President Franklin Roosevelt, speech, Chicago, October 5, 1937.

### Document G

Source: Report of a conversation between President Franklin Roosevelt and Marshal Joseph Stalin at the Tehran Conference, 1943.

#### **Document H**

Source: United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall, commencement speech at Harvard University, June 5, 1947.

#### Document I

Source: NSC 68: United States Objectives and Programs for National Security, April 1950.

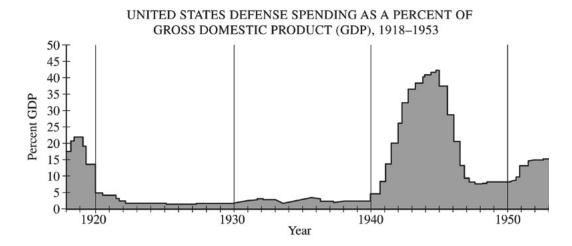
#### Document J

Source: General Douglas MacArthur, address to Congress, April 19, 1951.

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

### **Document Analysis**

#### Document A



#### **Document Information**

- Chart shows United States defense spending as a percent of GDP.
- Defense spending high during World War I, low and flat during most of 1920s and 1930s, high again during World War II, drops immediately after war but then begins to rise again during Cold War.

#### **Document Inferences**

- United States defense spending closely correlates with war and peace.
- High spending levels correlate with military conflicts.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

America First Committee
Charles Lindbergh
Cold War
Isolationism
Korean War
Nye Committee hearings ("Merchants of Death")
World War II

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document B

Source: Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr., speech to the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, August 12, 1919.

#### Mr. President:

I have never had but one allegiance—I cannot divide it now. I have loved but one flag and I cannot share that devotion and give affection to the mongrel banner invented for a league. Internationalism, illustrated by the Bolshevik . . . is to me repulsive . . . The United States is the world's best hope, but if you fetter her in the interests and quarrels of other nations, if you tangle her in the intrigues of Europe, you will destroy her power for good and endanger her very existence. . . . No doubt many excellent and patriotic people see a coming fulfillment of noble ideals in the words "league for peace." We all respect and share these aspirations and desires, but some of us see no hope, but rather defeat, for them in this murky covenant. For we, too, have our ideals, even if we differ from those who have tried to establish a monopoly of idealism.

#### **Document Information**

- Expresses opposition to international engagement by the United States.
- United States should not become entangled in European intrigues.
- American people desire peace.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Opposition to United States participation in the League of Nations, ratification of the Treaty of Versailles.
- Concern about maintaining United States sovereignty and autonomy in conducting foreign policy.
- Critique of Woodrow Wilson.
- Disillusionment of Americans with the failure of World War I to achieve idealistic goals.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

Article X
Fourteen Points
Hiram Johnson
Irreconcilables
League of Nations
Palmer, A. Mitchell
Reservationists
Woodrow Wilson
Russian Revolution
Solemn referendum
Treaty of Versailles
William Borah

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document C

Source: The Washington Treaty, also known as the Five-Power Treaty, signed by the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, and Italy, 1922.

The Contracting Powers agree to limit their respective naval armament as provided in the present Treaty. . [T]he Contracting Powers shall abandon their respective capital ship building programs, and no new capital ships shall be constructed or acquired by any of the Contracting Powers except replacement tonnage. . . . The total capital ship replacement tonnage of each of the Contracting Powers shall not exceed in standard displacement, for the United States 525,000 tons . . . for the British Empire 525,000 tons . . . for France 175,000 tons . . . for Italy 175,000 tons . . . for Japan 315,000 tons.

#### **Document Information**

• Establishes an agreement limiting building and tonnage of naval ships and armaments.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Effort to establish international agreements limiting warfare.
- Represents a nonenforceable treaty ("paper treaty").
- Designed to lessen the likelihood of naval confrontation with Japan.

### **Possible Outside Information**

5:5:3
Charles Evans Hughes
Disammament
Four-Power Treaty (abrogates Anglo-Japanese Alliance)
Nine-Power Treaty (reasserts the principles of the Open Door policy in China)
Warren Harding
Washington Naval Conference

### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document D

Source: Message from Secretary of State Henry Stimson to the Japanese government after its invasion of Manchuria, January 7, 1932.

[I]n view of the present situation . . . , the American Government deems it to be its duty to notify both the Imperial Japanese Government and the Government of the Chinese Republic that it cannot admit the legality of any situation *de facto* nor does it intend to recognize any treaty or agreement entered into between those Governments . . . which may impair the treaty rights of the United States or its citizens in China, including those which relate to the sovereignty, the independence, or the territorial and administrative integrity of the Republic of China, or to the international policy relative to China, commonly known as the open door policy; and that it does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the . . . obligations of the [Kellogg-Briand] Pact of Paris of August 27, 1928, to which Treaty . . . China and Japan, as well as the United States, are parties.

#### **Document Information**

- United States warns Japan regarding aggression toward China.
- United States will not recognize territorial gains made in violation of the Kellogg-Briand Pact.
- United States will not recognize any treaties between China and Japan that violate the Open Door Policy.

#### **Document Inferences**

- United States attempts to restrict aggression while still not engaging in military conflict.
- Rise of militarism in Japan.
- United States defends its own citizens, sovereignty, and foreign policy interests.
- United States attempts to limit aggression outside of the League of Nations.
- United States fails to support League of Nations sanctions against Japan.

### **Possible Outside Information**

Chiang Kai-shek (Jiang Jieshi) Chinese Nationalists (Kuomintang/Guomindang) Herbert Hoover Manchurian (Mukden) Incident, 1931 Panay Incident

### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document E

Source: Senator Gerald P. Nye, speech before the "Keep America Out of War" meeting, New York City, May 27, 1935.

Let us know that it is sales and shipments of munitions and contraband, and the lure of the profits in them, that will get us into another war, and that when the proper time comes and we talk about national honor, let us know that simply means the right to go on making money out of a war . . . The experience of the last war includes the lesson that neutral rights are not a matter for national protection unless we are prepared to protect them by force . . . I believe . . . that the only hope of staying out of war is through our people recognizing and declaring as a matter of . . . national policy, that we will not ship munitions to aid combatants and that those of our citizens who ship other materials to belligerent nations must do so at their own risk and without any hope of protection from our Government. If our financiers and industrialists wish to speculate for war profits, let them be warned in advance that they are to be limited to speculation with their own capital and not with the lives of their countrymen and the fabric of their whole nation.

#### **Document Information**

- Warns that war industries encourage United States to join wars.
- Advocates avoiding participation in arms trade.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Represents escalation in isolationist sentiment.
- Blames financial and industrial interests for United States participation in World War I.
- Plays on public disillusionment from World War I.
- Shows concern about potential new wars abroad.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

America First Committee
Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies
Charles Lindbergh
Isolationism
"Merchants of Death"
Neutrality Acts
Nye Committee hearings

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document F

Source: President Franklin Roosevelt, speech, Chicago, October 5, 1937.

The political situation in the world . . . has been growing progressively worse . . . The present reign of terror and international lawlessness began a few years ago . . . through unjustified interference in the internal affairs of other nations or the invasion of alien territory in violation of treaties; . . . The peace-loving nations must make a concerted effort in opposition to those violations of treaties and those ignorings of humane instincts which today are creating a state of international anarchy and instability from which there is no escape through mere isolation or neutrality. . . . There can be no stability or peace either within nations or between nations except under laws and moral standards adhered to by all. . . . It seems to be unfortunately true that the epidemic of world lawlessness is spreading. When an epidemic of physical disease starts to spread, the community approves and joins in a quarantine of the patients in order to protect the health of the community against the spread of the disease.

#### **Document Information**

- Roosevelt calls for increasing action by United States and other nations to resist military expansionism.
- Roosevelt calls for a quarantine against aggressor nations.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Reflects Roosevelt's commitment to internationalism and efforts to counter isolationist arguments and prepare the United States for war.
- Reflects concern about expansionism of Germany, Japan, and Italy.
- Speech prompted resistance among isolationists.
- Roosevelt favored economic sanctions against aggressor nations.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

America First Committee
Cash-and-carry
Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies
Declaration of Neutrality
Destroyer for Bases Deal
Lend-Lease
Munich Agreement ("peace in our time")
Nazi Party (Germany)
Preparedness campaign
Ouarantine Speech
Selective Service Act

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document G

Source: Report of a conversation between President Franklin Roosevelt and Marshal Joseph Stalin at the Tehran Conference, 1943.

The President . . . said the question of a post war organization to preserve peace had not been fully explained . . . There would be a large organization comprised of some 35 members of the United Nations . . The President continued that there would be set up an executive committee composed of the Soviet Union, the United States, United Kingdom and China, with two additional European states, one South American, one Near East, one Far Eastern country and one British Dominion . . . The President then turned to the third organization which he termed "The Four Policemen," namely, the Soviet Union, United States, Great Britain, and China. This organization would have the power to deal immediately with any threat to the peace and any sudden emergency which requires this action . . . Marshal Stalin said that he did not think the small nations of Europe would like the organization composed of the Four Policemen . . . Marshal Stalin pointed out that the world organization suggested by the President, and in particular the Four Policemen, might also require the sending of American troops to Europe. The President pointed out that he had only envisaged the sending of American planes and ships to Europe, and that England and the Soviet Union would have to handle the land armies in the event of any future threat to the peace.

#### **Document Information**

- Discusses plans for United Nations to manage international affairs following World War II.
- Suggests that the "Four Policeman" handle threats to peace.
- Stalin questions European acceptance of the "Four Policeman."

#### **Document Inferences**

- Prelude to creation of United Nations and Security Council.
- Stalin questions American influence and commitment to Europe after the war.

#### Possible Outside Information

Bretton Woods Agreement
Dumbarton Oaks Conference
Good Neighbor policy (Montevideo Conference)
Potsdam Conference
San Francisco Conference
Security Council

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document H

Source: United States Secretary of State George C. Marshall, commencement speech at Harvard University, June 5, 1947.

Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation, and chaos. Its purpose should be the revival of a working economy in the world so as to permit the emergence of political and social conditions in which free institutions can exist. . . . Any government which maneuvers to block the recovery of other countries cannot expect help from us. Furthermore, governments, political parties, or groups which seek to perpetuate human misery in order to profit . . . politically or otherwise will encounter the opposition of the United States.

#### **Document Information**

- The proposal will provide aid to countries seeking economic recovery.
- The aid is to promote the development of free institutions.
- The United States will oppose any country that perpetuates human misery.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Marshall Plan aid offered in aftermath of World War II.
- Effort to restore international economies and promote capitalism in order to reduce the appeal of communism.
- Spurred on by communist gains in elections in France and Italy.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

Berlin Airlift
Containment
Point Four Program
George Kennan
Harry Truman
Iron Curtain
Marshall Plan
Truman Doctrine
Winston Churchill

### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document I

Source: NSC 68: United States Objectives and Programs for National Security, April 1950.

Our position as the center of power in the free world places a heavy responsibility upon the United States for leadership. We must organize and enlist the energies and resources of the free world in a positive program for peace which will frustrate the Kremlin design for world domination by creating a situation in the free world to which the Kremlin will be compelled to adjust. Without such a cooperative effort, led by the United States, we will have to make gradual withdrawals under pressure until we discover one day that we have sacrificed positions of vital interest. It is imperative that this trend be reversed by a much more rapid and concerted build-up of the actual strength of both the United States and the other nations of the free world . . . we must, by means of a rapid and sustained build-up of the political, economic, and military strength of the free world, and by means of an affirmative program intended to wrest the initiative from the Soviet Union, confront it with convincing evidence of the determination and ability of the free world to frustrate the Kremlin design of a world dominated by its will.

#### **Document Information**

- Argument that the United States, as leader of the free world, is responsible for resisting the expansion of the Soviet Union and its attempts at world domination.
- Calls for build-up of military strength of the free world.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Encourages an acceleration of the nuclear arms race.
- NSC 68 was a reaction to the Soviet detonation of its first atomic weapon and China falling to communism (failure of containment).
- The United States views the world in terms of a power struggle between free nations and communist bloc nations.

#### **Possible Outside Information**

Arms Race Iron Curtain
Atom bomb Marshall Plan
Containment McCarthyism

Fall of China to Communism

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

George Kennan Point Four Program

Harry Truman Red Scare
House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) Rosenberg trials
Hydrogen bomb Truman Doctrine

#### Question 1 — Document-Based Question (continued)

#### Document J

Source: General Douglas MacArthur, address to Congress, April 19, 1951.

While I was not consulted prior to the President's decision to intervene in support of the Republic of Korea, that decision from a military standpoint, proved a sound one. . . . Our victory was complete, and our objectives within reach, when Red China intervened with numerically superior ground forces. This created a new war and an entirely new situation . . . which called for new decisions in the diplomatic sphere to permit the realistic adjustment of military strategy. Such decisions have not been forthcoming. . . . [T]he new situation did urgently demand a drastic revision of strategic planning if our political aim was to defeat this new enemy as we had defeated the old one. . . . War's very object is victory, not prolonged indecision. In war there can be no substitute for victory.

#### **Document Information**

- Supports United States and United Nations intervention in Korea.
- Critiques United States leadership for failing to change strategy after Chinese intervention in Korea.

#### **Document Inferences**

- Implied preference for military leadership over civilian leadership.
- View of Cold War as a direct military conflict rather than an indirect diplomatic one.
- Reflects willingness to use nuclear weapons against China.

#### Possible Outside Information

Dwight D. Eisenhower ("I will go to Korea.") Harry Truman Korean War "New Look" United Nations