Grade 9 - Term 2: The Nuclear Age and the Cold War

ANSWERS

**Section A**

1. Define the following terms:
2. Communism – *economic system in which there is no private ownership and profits are shared amongst the workers.*
3. Capitalism – *economic system in which there is private ownership and individuals can keep profits to themselves.*
4. Cold War *– period of intense rivalry between the USA and the Soviet Union, a war without any shooting.*
5. Superpower
6. What was the Eastern Bloc?

*These were communist countries in Eastern Europe that were dominated by the USSR.*

1. Why was the USA afraid of the spread of communism?

*The USA regarded the spread of communism as a threat to democracy.*

**Section B**

1. What was the nature of the Arms race between the USSR and the USA?

*The USA and USSR competed with each other in terms of the building of nuclear weapons. Each aimed to build more deadly atomic weapons and also to have more weapons than the other.*

1. What do you think both sides wanted to achieve in the arms race?

*They both wanted to intimidate each other with their weapons.*

1. Why did the USA and USSR compete in space?

*Both wanted to show off their technology. Whoever won the space race would be viewed by the rest of the world as the better society.*

1. How did the USA win the space race?

*By landing a man on the moon. The USSR was unable to do so.*

Section C

1. How was Germany divided after World War 2?

*Germany was divided into 4 sections. USA, USSR, Britain and France each would administer a section. Berlin was also divided into 4.*

1. Why was Germany split into two countries during the Cold War?

*The USSR opposed uniting their section with the rest of Germany and thus formed a separate communist Germany known as East Germany. The Western powers (Britain, France and USA) united their sectors into the capitalist West Germany.*

1. Why was the Berlin wall built?

*Berlin was divided into communist and capitalist sections. The USSR wanted to stop people from moving into the capitalist West from the communist part of Berlin. A wall stop this movement.*

1. What signalled the end of the Cold war?

*The fall of the Berlin wall.*