



GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1 Section B/D: Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975

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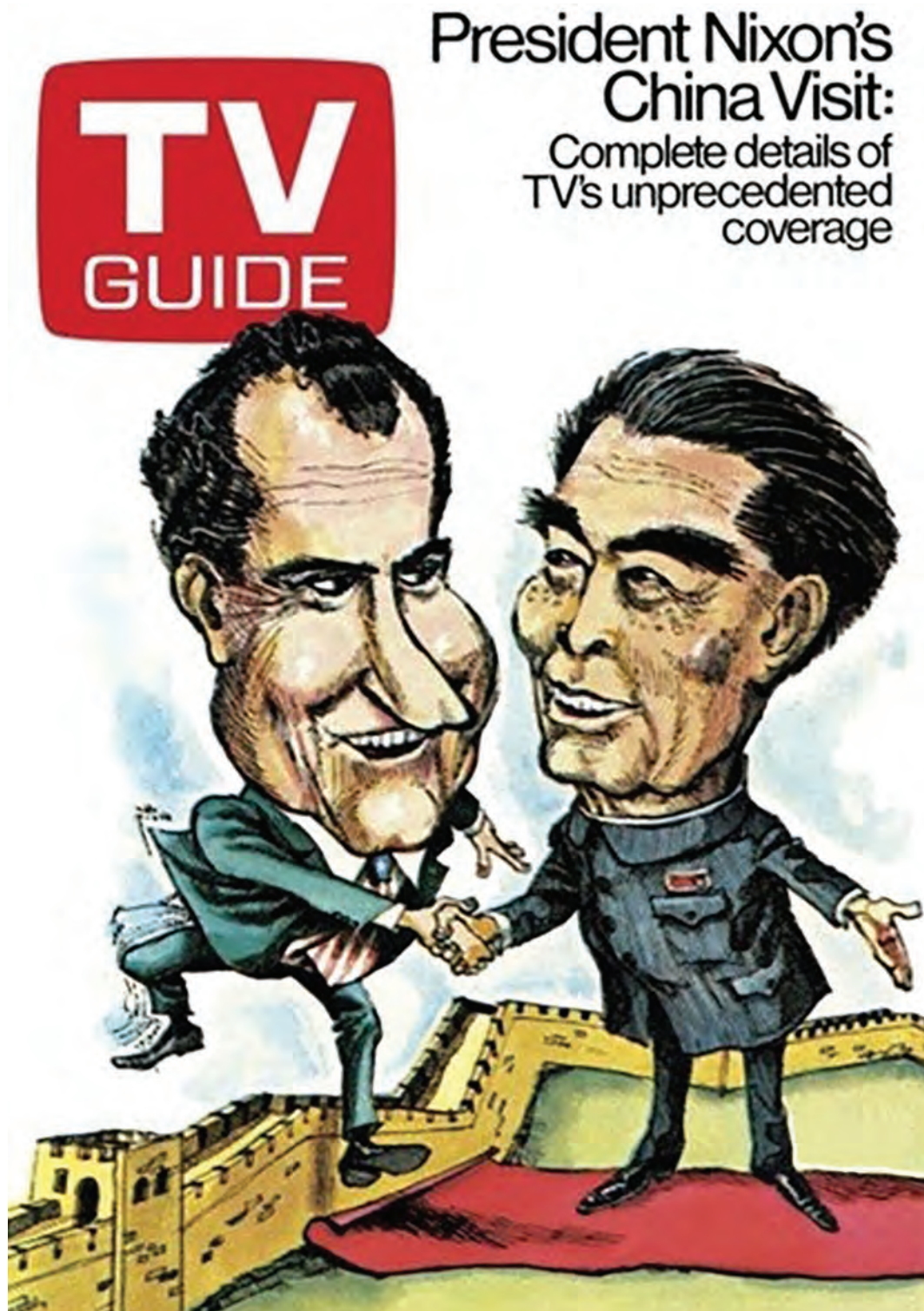
Source A for use in answering Question 01

Sources B and **C** for use in answering Question 02



Source A The front cover of an American TV guide for the week in February 1972 when President Nixon visited China. Nixon was keeping a promise made seven months earlier to visit China in 1972.

President Nixon is on the left and the head of China's Government, Zhou Enlai, is on the right.



Source B

Adapted from a secret US government report presented to the American President on 5 April 1954. At this time the French were fighting Vietnamese Communists in the battle of Dien Bien Phu.

It is essential for American security that southeast Asia does not become Communist. This may happen next year unless we do something, regardless of what happens at Dien Bien Phu.

We object to China spreading Communism. However, if we use military force then our allies might protest. It will also involve high costs, loss of life, and risk war with China.

Nevertheless, we must plan for some form of military action and strengthen our friendship with countries in southeast Asia and nearby allies such as Australia.

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Source C

An Australian cartoon published in a popular Roman Catholic Church magazine in July 1954. The title was, 'Next meal, please!' Australia was an ally of America.

The snake represents Communism.

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Source C is an Australian cartoon showing a snake eating a rabbit labelled 'Vietnam', while rabbits labelled 'Cambodia', 'Laos' and 'Australia' look on frightened.

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