

## Access to Higher Education Unit

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**Unit Title:** The Cold War in World Politics

**Graded Unit Reference Number:** GA33POL09

**Ungraded Unit Reference Number:** UA33POL09

**Module:** Politics

**Level:** Three (3)

**Credit Value:** Three (3)

**Minimum Guided Learning Hours:** 30

| Learning Outcome (The Learner will):                                                                                     | Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):                                                                                                        |
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| 1. Understand the nature and causes of the Cold War                                                                      | 1.1 Explain the term Cold War                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                          | 1.2 Briefly describe the world events which eventually led to the Cold War                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                          | 1.3 Evaluate the domestic and international political reasons for the Cold War from the point of view of western bloc and eastern bloc leaders |
|                                                                                                                          | 1.4 Describe the main features of the Cold War and some of the effects from the point of view of ordinary citizens on both sides               |
| 2. Understand some of the reasons leading to <i>détente</i> between the Superpowers in the late 1960s and to its failure | 2.1 Explain the term <i>détente</i>                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                          | 2.2 Identify and explain the major factors leading to <i>détente</i> between the West and the Soviet Union in the late 1960s                   |
|                                                                                                                          | 2.3 Explain the reason for the eventual collapse of <i>détente</i> between the United States and the Soviet Union                              |
| 3. Understand the main reasons for the end of the Cold War in the 1980s                                                  | 3.1 Identify and discuss the major factors which led to the end of the Cold War in the late 1980s and early 1990s                              |