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91438 Analyse the causes and consequences of a significant historical event

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Credits: Six

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Analyse the causes and consequences of a significant historical event.	Analyse, in depth, the causes and consequences of a significant historical event.	Comprehensively analyse the causes and consequences of a significant historical event.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

Write ONE essay in this booklet.

If you need more room for your answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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Achievement

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INSTRUCTIONS

Write an essay on ONE significant historical event that you have studied, using the essay task below.

Write your chosen historical event in the box below.

Your essay should be at least 800 words long.

Plan your essay on page 3. Begin your essay on page 4.

ESSAY TASK

Analyse the extent to which particular factors caused a significant historical event, and the different ways this event changed people's lives over an extended period of time.

Historical event: Vietnam War.

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Particular factors that caused the event:

Short-term:

Division of Vietnam
Indochina War
Geneva accords

Quang Duc	June 11	1963
Gulf of Tonkin	Aug 2	1964
End of Indochina war	Aug 1	1954
Tet offensive	Jan 31	1968
Indochina war began	Dec 19	1946

1954 - 1975
(April 30)

Long term:

Domino theory.
Imperialism
Cold war/opposing ideologies.

Different ways this event changed people's lives over an extended period of time:

Short-term:

Death toll
Economy damaged
~~from~~ Vietnam united - 1975

Long term:

- Voting age reduced to 18
- ~~the~~ led to the end of the military draft.
- 15% of Vietnam surface area ~~but~~ mines ~~are~~ still found.
- Chemical warfare has polluted farmlands in Vietnam
- Restrictions of a president's ability to send military forces into combat.
- US citizens distrust ~~of~~ in government.

Begin your essay here:

* The war later ended on April 30th 1975 following the South Vietnamese surrender.

A significant historical event which changed peoples lives over an extended period of time was the ~~sea~~ Second Indochina War, more commonly known as the Vietnam War. ~~The~~ In 1954 the Vietnam war broke out, it was fought between North Vietnam and South Vietnam who were heavily backed by the United States*. Several particular factors caused the war, ~~however~~ ~~the~~ these include The Domino Theory, opposing ideologies, The Indochina War, Division of Vietnam and the Cold war. Intro The ~~for~~ ~~greatest~~ factor which was the greatest cause of the Vietnam War was Dwight D. Eisenhower's Domino theory. Eisenhower's theory stated that ~~is~~ "You have a row of dominoes set up; you knock over the first one and what will happen to the last one, is that it will go over very quickly." He ~~believed~~ believed that the south-East Asian countries were like a row of dominoes, Vietnam being the first in the line, If communism were to 'knock over' Vietnam then it would cause a chain reaction and one by one countries like Cambodia, Laos and Thailand would all fall to communism as well. This longheld fear of a communist take-over was derived from the events of the Cold War. The American government was terrified of Communism spreading ~~that~~ as a result they ended up becoming heavily involved in the Vietnam war to ensure south-east Asia didn't fall to Communism. ~~The~~ Russia and China gave some help.

to the ~~the~~ North Vietnamese as they were also Communist. ~~Communism~~ The opposing ideologies of Russia and the United States was a huge factor in the Vietnam War. The Russians believed in a political and social society where all of their countries land and resources were collectively owned by the state. Whereas the Americans believed in a political and economic system where the countries industries and trades were privately owned in order to make a profit. This fear of communism which America had was a direct cause to the extent in which they played a role in the Vietnam war. American troops involved were numbered in hundreds of thousands and the government also ~~spent~~ spent upto \$900 billion on the war effort. Another factor which caused the Vietnam War was the French Indochina War. This war began on December 19th 1946, and ~~ended~~ it was fought between the French colonial ruler and the rebel forces of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The French lost the war and were defeated on August 1st 1954. For hundreds of years Vietnam had been ~~over~~ ruled ~~over~~ by imperial and colonial leaders, ^{like France and China} as a result of ~~being~~ this the citizens rose up and fought for their land and their freedom to choose their own government. The defeat of the French gave the Vietnamese the chance to Nationalise their country and become communist, however the South-Vietnamese didn't want this. The French Indochina war led to the Geneva accords conference in London 1954, where it was decided that Vietnam

would be divided into a Communist North and a Non-Communist South. By dividing Vietnam a war began, the North-Vietnamese wanted a united country under their Communist lifestyle, which is why the Geneva accords and ^{the} division of Vietnam ~~had~~ ^{was} such a large ~~obvious~~ part of why the war in Vietnam ~~begin~~ began. The North-Vietnamese were led by a politician named Ho Chi Minh ^{and} his following called themselves the Viet Minh. Ho Chi Minh had a very strong belief in the Communist way and ~~he~~ was responsible for the Tet Offensive which I will talk about in the consequences aspect of this Essay.

So why were the American government so terrified of Communism? More and more countries had begun to ~~accept~~ ^{adopt} a Communist lifestyle. ~~It~~ throughout the Cold War and the Americans knew that if too many countries turned Communist there would be a huge war on their hands, ~~a~~ Communist leader of the Soviet Union Josef Stalin was also a very large part of their ~~a~~ fear as he was a very powerful and persuasive leader with a huge potential to successfully ~~to~~ lead Communism to a world-wide take over.

The Vietnam war came with a lot of success as the North-Vietnamese ended ^{up} defeating the South-Vietnamese who surrendered in 1954, however it also came with a lot of consequences. The war changed millions of people's lives in many different ways, the first and one of the greatest was the death toll following the war's end. There were over 2 million casualties of Vietnamese citizens,

1.1 million North-Vietnamese troops killed, over 200,000 South-Vietnamese troops and around 58,000 United States troops. The death toll not only affected the lives of those who passed away but it also affected their families and friends, ^{these} ~~this~~ ^{deaths} ~~for~~ instantly affected ^{millions} ~~the~~. Another way in which people's lives were affected was the damage to the American economy after their involvement in the war. Due to the government's fear of Communism the Americans put billions of dollars into the war which caused damage to their entire country's economy which will have affected almost all working American citizens negatively. Once North Vietnam defeated the South ^{in 1975} Vietnam became a united country under a communist system. This change had a big effect on mainly the people of South-Vietnam, they had to ~~by~~ adapt to the new communist lifestyle after being capitalists ~~for~~ since 1954 which would have been extremely ~~difficult~~ difficult. This also affected their lives in the sense that they had now lost their freedom, they were now forced to be a communist society even if they didn't like it. How would you feel if someone took away ~~to~~ your belief and forced you to believe in what they did?

As well as the ~~to~~ events which changed people's lives in the short-term there are also many ~~to~~ changes which occurred over the long-term following the war in Vietnam. During the Vietnam War the military draft was used in America, this created enormous protest across the country as most Americans believed that US forces shouldn't have been fighting the war in Vietnam. ~~These~~ These protests were

mainly led by college students, countercultural hippies and even a majority of mainstream Americans. The protestors were trying to stop the military draft and take all American troops out of Vietnam because it wasn't their war to fight. As a result of these protest events throughout the war the US government later got rid of the military draft so that only people who volunteer could be used to fight in future wars. By doing this many American lives were changed in the way that they ~~now~~ ^{now} could choose at their own free will whether or not they wanted to fight for their country. Whereas in previous years if you were drafted you had to go to war and if you dodged the drafting you would be fined or receive jail time. These protests also led the the voting age being reduced to 18. The largest portion of protestors during the Vietnam War were made up of college students, who at their age had very little say in what went on to do with political issues and as a result of their protest during the Vietnam ~~War~~ War the voting age ~~later~~ was later brought down. This gave future young Americans a freedom of speech and a freedom of choice as they now had a say in what their government does. Following events in the Vietnam War restrictions were put in place on a sitting president's ability to send military forces into combat. An event which triggered the restrictions was the escalation of the war by President Lyndon B. Johnson. ~~President~~ LBJ was the 36th President of the United States and was John F. Kennedy's successor, he served as the US President from 1963 up ~~until~~ until

1969. LBJ sent in airstrikes to North Vietnam, in 1965 ~~killings civilians~~ and also which killed thousands of innocent civilians. ~~The~~ president Lyndon B. Johnson was able to make these decisions without ^{any/or very little} approval, ~~which is why~~ the restrictions that are now put in place will prevent future events like this from occurring, and in effect peoples lives won't be as much at risk as they would be without the restrictions. During the Vietnam War the Americans also used chemicals warfare on the North-Vietnamese, because of this a huge amount of the farmlands in North Vietnam were polluted. If the farmlands are polluted then it will affect ~~through~~ the people, as their crop will either be polluted or dead, their livestock will also be damaged and the people who work and live from that land will suffer. This consequence of chemical warfare affected the people of Vietnam for years following the end of the war. The final way in which peoples lives were changed due to this significant event was the mines which are still being found in Vietnam today. A statistic showed the 15% of Vietnams surface area is covered in leftover military mines from the war 40 years on. This will effect peoples lives now as the mines in the ground are hidden and can easily be trod on, an incident which has occurred multiple times since the war ended, animals and even people have been wounded or killed ~~due to the~~ because of these mines.

In conclusion the main causes of the Vietnam War ~~which~~ were the domino theory and ~~the~~ Indochina war

and some of the most important events which occurred as a result of the war which changed peoples lives were the ~~the voting age reduction~~, death toll, economy damage, chemical warfare pollution, military draft being withdrawn and the voting age reduction. The Vietnam War was a very significant event in World History and the outcome of it has changed the lives of Millions of people ~~in~~ ~~at~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ in America, ~~Vietnam~~ and Vietnam.

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High Achieved- 04

This response is typical of many solid Achieved level scripts. A clear attempt has been made by the candidate to address both components of the question. However, there is little genuine development of this attempt, beyond a considerable amount of content recall that ends up becoming a solid narrative, but little else.

It is evident that this candidate has revised a considerable amount of material to prepare for this examination, but unfortunately this 'knowledge' has not been crafted into a argumentative essay and remains a solid narrative.

There is solid coverage of the second component of the essay question: "the different ways this event changed people's lives over an extended period of time", in particular the material on the impact of chemical warfare is convincing. However, once again, as with the lengthy causal material presented, there is little in this essay to lift it beyond a solid Achieved grade, hence 04 is the most appropriate grade.