Questions:

1. When did the Potsdam conference take place? Who was present?
2. How was the Potsdam different from Yalta judging by the article?
3. Why were the victors’ “thoughts brushed by the cold snow of mutual distrust and dislike.”
4. What was the main purpose of the conference?
5. What cunning manoeuvres did the leaders of the use to play each other?
6. Define 5 Ds. Explain and evaluate the plans that the Allies had for Germany and its political and economic destiny.
7. Discuss the situation with the ‘Polish Question”.
8. What were the plans for Japan and what role was USSR supposed to play in the master plan? Was Stalin happy with the outcomes of the Japan question?
9. What happened in Turkey and what was the reaction of the American Senate? Explain the significance of the “Long telegram, Marshall plan and Truman’s doctrine. What was the attitude towards these documents in USSR?
10. Explain how you understand the idea of “ the Western encirclement of Russia ‘s sphere of influence ”.
11. Can the results of the Potsdam Conference be compared to the harshness of the Peace Conference in Paris in 1919?
12. How did Potsdam give birth to the Cold War?
13. To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

“Today, 70 years later, the conference is best remembered as a noble but tortuous effort that did less to chart the path to peace than to mark the beginning of an entirely new conflict altogether.”