



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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History

HIS3K

Unit 3K Triumph and Collapse: Russia and the USSR, 1941–1991

Friday 10 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS3K.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

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 'The USSR remained politically and socially stable in the years 1964 to 1982 despite the policies of the Brezhnev regime.'
Assess the validity of this view. *(45 marks)*

Question 2

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 'Gorbachev's reluctance to commit himself fully to radical reform caused the break-up of the USSR.'
Assess the validity of this view. *(45 marks)*

Question 3

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 'Agriculture was always the fundamental weakness of the Soviet economy.'
Assess the validity of this view of the Soviet economy in the years between 1945 and Brezhnev's death in 1982. *(45 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS