



General Certificate of Education  
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## History

## HIS3K

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

**Wednesday 16 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm**

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 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 maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**Question 1**

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 To what extent had the USSR recovered from the impact of the Great Patriotic War (1941–1945) by the time of Stalin's death in 1953? *(45 marks)*

**Question 2**

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 'Despite the policy of Destalinisation, the main features of Stalinism were still intact in the USSR at the time of Khrushchev's fall from power in 1964.'  
Assess the validity of this view. *(45 marks)*

**Question 3**

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 To what extent was the failure to maintain economic growth after Stalin's death responsible for the break-up of the USSR in 1991? *(45 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**