



AS HISTORY

The Crisis of Communism: The USSR, 1953–2000

Paper 2T

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 2T.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section AAnswer Question 01

Source A

President Jimmy Carter's Address to the Nation on the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, January 4, 1980

Recently, there has been another very serious development which threatens the maintenance of the peace in Southwest Asia. Massive Soviet military forces have invaded the small, non-aligned, sovereign nation of Afghanistan. The Soviets claim, falsely, that they were invited into Afghanistan to help protect that country from some unnamed outside threat. But the President, who had been the leader of Afghanistan before the Soviet invasion, was assassinated.

This invasion is an extremely serious threat to peace because of the threat of further Soviet expansion into neighbouring countries in Southwest Asia. This is a callous violation of international law and the United Nations Charter. It is a deliberate effort of a powerful government to subjugate an independent Islamic people.

Source B

Minutes of the meeting of the plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, 23rd June 1980

Brezhnev: Not a day goes by when Washington has not tried to revive the spirit of the Cold War. Any grounds are used for this, real or imagined. One example of this is Afghanistan. The ruling circles of the USA stop at nothing, including armed aggression, in trying to keep the Afghans from building a new life. And when we helped our neighbour Afghanistan, at the request of its government, to beat back the attacks of bandit groups, then Washington raised an unprecedented racket accusing the Soviet Union of a yearning to break out to warm waters and an intention to make a grab for foreign oil. In the Soviet act of assistance to Afghanistan there is not a grain of greed.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable for explaining Soviet motives for invading Afghanistan?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

EITHER

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‘Khrushchev’s economic policies were a total failure.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘It was Yeltsin who ensured the failure of the coup against Gorbachev in 1991.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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