

General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination June 2010

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.

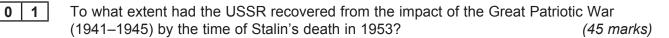
Advice

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



Answer two questions.

Question 1



Question 2



'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



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