



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

History

HIS3K

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

Tuesday 12 June 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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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 To what extent was Stalin's leadership responsible for the Soviet victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945? *(45 marks)*

Question 2

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 To what extent did the USSR achieve economic growth under the regimes of Khrushchev and Brezhnev? *(45 marks)*

Question 3

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 How far was political stagnation in the USSR, in the years 1956 to 1991, due to the Soviet regime's fear of change? *(45 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS