
A-level HISTORY

The Crisis of Communism: The USSR and the Soviet Empire, 1953–2000

Paper 2T

Specimen 2014

Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 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 **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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Section A

Answer Question 01.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these sources to an historian studying Gorbachev's reforms within the USSR.

[30 marks]

Section B

Answer two questions.

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To what extent did Khrushchev bring about a 'great thaw' within the Soviet Union during his years in power?

[25 marks]**0 3**

'A successful socialist society.'

Assess the validity of this view of the GDR under Honecker's leadership.

[25 marks]**0 4**

To what extent was the collapse of the Soviet Empire in central and Eastern Europe in 1989 due to 'people power'?

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT-HOLDERS AND PUBLISHERS**

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