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General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination

History

HIS3K

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

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards This question paper uses the <u>new numbering system</u> and <u>new AQA answer book</u>

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 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.

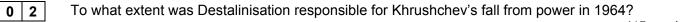
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Answer two questions.

Question 1

01'Stalin's leadership was the most significant reason for the Soviet victory over Germany in the
1941–1945 war.'
Assess the validity of this view.(45 marks)

Question 2



(45 marks)

Question 3



How far was the failure to achieve effective economic reform between 1941 and 1991 responsible for the break-up of the USSR? (45 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS