



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 [new numbering system](#) and [new AQA answer book](#)

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

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‘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

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To what extent was Destalinisation responsible for Khrushchev’s fall from power in 1964?

(45 marks)

Question 3

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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