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Thursday 17 January 2019

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Paper Reference **WHI02/1C**

History

International Advanced Subsidiary

Paper 2: Breadth Study with Source Evaluation

Option 1C: Russia, 1917–91: From Lenin to Yeltsin

Source Booklet

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source 1: From Mikhail Gorbachev, *Memoirs*, published 1995. In 1956 Gorbachev had been regional deputy for his branch of the Soviet youth group, the Komsomol. He had had access to the full text of the secret speech in which Khrushchev denounced Stalinism.

I am convinced that history will never forget Khrushchev's denunciation of Stalin's personality cult. The actual consequences of Khrushchev's political actions were crucial. The criticism of Stalin discredited totalitarianism and aroused hopes for a reform of the system. It served as a strong impetus to new processes in politics and economics as well as in the spiritual life of our country. 5
Khrushchev and his supporters must be given full credit for this. Khrushchev must be given credit too for the rehabilitation of thousands of people, and the restoration of the good name of hundreds of thousands of innocent citizens who perished in Stalinist prisons and camps.

However, Khrushchev never challenged the leading role of the Party. His intention was simply to modernise the Party and to reduce its overall monopoly. Despite this, he still faced bitter resistance that led to his eventual defeat. 10

Source 2: From an article by Gareth Jones in *The Evening Standard* newspaper, 31 March 1933. *The Evening Standard* is a British newspaper which took a critical view of the Soviet Union in the 1930s. In 1931 Gareth Jones was a journalist who toured the Soviet Union and observed the conditions in the countryside.

All that was best in Russia has disappeared. The main result has been the tragic ruin of Russian agriculture. This ruin I saw in its grim reality. I tramped through a number of villages. I saw children with the swollen bellies associated with famine. I talked to every peasant I met, and my general conclusion is that the present state of Russian agriculture is already catastrophic but that in a year's time its condition will have worsened tenfold. 15

There was one cry which rang out everywhere I went and that was: 'There is no bread.' As I was going through the countryside I chatted to several women. They all said: 'It is terrible. We have no bread. The cattle have nearly all died. How can we feed the cattle when we have only cattle fodder to eat ourselves?' 20

Millions are dying in the villages; I did not visit a single village where many had not died. If the situation is grave now, what will it be like in a month's time? The potatoes left are being counted one by one, but in so many homes the potatoes have long run out. The beetroot, once used as cattle fodder, may run out before the new food comes in summer, and many have not even got beetroot. 25

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You must have:

Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS



SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

EITHER

- 2 To what extent did the nature of the government of the USSR change in the years 1917–53?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3 To what extent did Brezhnev achieve a stable society in the years 1964–82?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

OR

- 4 How accurate is it to say that, in the years 1964–85, the main reason for the weaknesses of the Soviet economy was the priority given to spending on the military?

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 25 MARKS
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