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**HISTORY**

**SPECIFICATION A: IN-DEPTH AND OUTLINE STUDIES OF ASPECTS OF WELSH/ENGLISH AND WORLD HISTORY**

**PAPER 2**

**OUTLINE STUDY**

**16 - THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, 1924-1991**

A.M. THURSDAY, 14 June 2007

(1 hour 20 minutes)

Questions answered	Office use
Question	30
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Use supplementary sheets when there is insufficient room in this booklet. Write your name at the top of each supplementary sheet, indicating clearly the number of the question you answer. Put the supplementary sheets inside this booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication.

Your answers must be relevant and must make full use of information given to be awarded full marks for a question.

**You are reminded that you should always support your answers using your knowledge and understanding of the topic chosen.**

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

*Answer any two questions.*

**1. This question is about the development of the USSR, 1924-1991.**

Study the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

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**INFORMATION**

The Soviet Union underwent huge changes between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows Stalin with colleagues at the 1930 Communist Party Conference.



(a) What were Stalin's purges?

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(b) Describe 'government by the elderly'.

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(c) Explain the process of de-Stalinisation.

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(d) Why did Stalin attempt to modernise the Soviet Union?

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(e) In what ways did the USSR develop and change as a nation between 1924 and 1991?

*In your answer you may wish to consider the rôle of Stalin, Khrushchev, Gorbachev, the collapse of the USSR in 1991 and any other relevant factors.* [10]

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**2. This question is about the peoples of the USSR, 1924-1991.**

Study the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

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**INFORMATION**

Many people were greatly affected by Communist rule in the Soviet Union between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows Russian peasants queueing up to join a collective farm.





(a) What was Glasnost?

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(b) Describe the first of Stalin’s Five Year Plans.

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(c) Explain how the kulaks reacted to collectivisation.

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(e) How did the Soviet people develop as a society between 1924 and 1991?

*In your answer you may wish to consider the position of peasants, industrialisation, the Second World War, the reforms of Gorbachev, the situation in 1991 and any other relevant factors.*

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**3. This question is about the USSR and the wider world, 1924-1991.**

Study the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

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**INFORMATION**

Soviet forces fought in many conflicts between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows Soviet and American soldiers shaking hands in Germany in 1945.



(a) What was the arms race?

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(b) Describe the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

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(c) Explain why Stalin signed the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact in 1939.

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