



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

History

HIS3K

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

Monday 8 June 2015 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 **Paper Reference** is HIS3K.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- 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.

Answer **two** questions.

0 1 'Khrushchev's attempt to carry out de-Stalinisation in the USSR was the main reason for his overthrow in 1964.'
Assess the validity of this judgement. **[45 marks]**

0 2 'Gorbachev's efforts to reform the USSR between 1985 and 1991 were too little and too late.'
Assess the validity of this view. **[45 marks]**

0 3 'Attempts to modernise the Soviet economy between 1945 and the death of Brezhnev in 1982 were unsuccessful.'
Assess the validity of this view. **[45 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS