



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
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History

HIS3K

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

Monday 2 June 2014 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** 'The USSR had failed to recover from the Great Patriotic War by the time of Stalin's death.'
Assess the validity of this view with reference to the years 1945 to 1953. **[45 marks]**
- 0 2** 'Despite appearances to the contrary, there was very little political stability in the USSR in the years 1964 to 1982.'
Assess the validity of this view. **[45 marks]**
- 0 3** 'The economy of the Soviet Union remained Stalinist in the years 1956 to 1991.'
Assess the validity of this view. **[45 marks]**

END OF QUESTIONS