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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, 15 June 2006

(1 hour 20 minutes)

Questions answered	Office use
Question	30
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TOTAL	60

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 answer the questions which follow.

[30]

INFORMATION

The Soviet Union underwent huge changes between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows the Soviet leader Nikita Khruschev inspecting crops during a tour of Russian farms.



(a) What was Glasnost?

[2]

(b) Describe collectivisation.

[4]

- (c) Explain the importance of the Five Year Plans for the Soviet Union. [6]

(d) Why did the Soviet Union collapse in 1991?

[8]

- (e) How did the Soviet Union develop as a country between 1924 and 1991?

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

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

Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

[30]

INFORMATION

Many people were greatly affected by Communist rule in the Soviet Union between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows starving and homeless Russian children in 1932.



(a) What was the Seven Year Plan?

[2]

(b) Describe conditions in Soviet Labour Camps (Gulags).

[4]

(c) Explain how the Cold War affected the Soviet people.

[6]

(d) How did the Soviet people contribute to the USSR's success in the Second World War?

[8]

- (e) How were the Soviet people affected by Communist government 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.) [10]

[10]

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

Study the information below and answer the questions which follow.

[30]

INFORMATION

Soviet forces fought in many conflicts between 1924 and 1991. The picture shows Czechs burning Soviet tanks in Prague in August 1968.



- (a) What was the policy of Scorched Earth? [2]

- (b) Describe the disagreements between the USSR and China in the 1950s and 1960s. [4]

(c) Explain why the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1979.

[6]

(d) Why did the Soviet Union compete with the West during the Cold War?

[8]

- (e) How important was the USSR in world affairs between 1924 and 1991?

(In your answer you may wish to consider the position of the USSR in 1924, the causes and events of the Second World War, the Cold War, relations with China, the situation in 1991 and any other relevant factors.) [10]

