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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. WEDNESDAY, 11 June 2008

1 hour 20 minutes

Questions	Office
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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.

Answer any two questions.

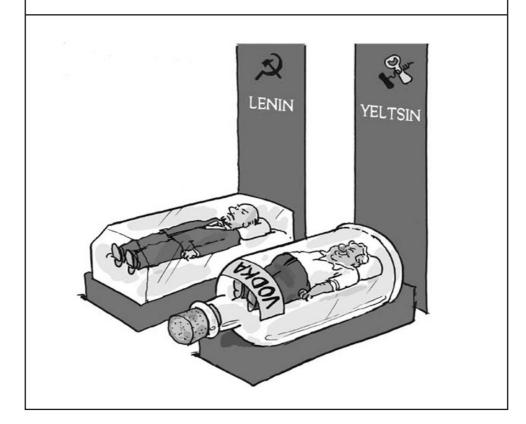
1. This question is about the development of the USSR, 1924-1991.

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

[30]

INFORMATION

The Soviet Union underwent huge changes between 1924 and 1991. This cartoon was produced after the death of an important figure, Boris Yeltsin.



(a)	Who was Boris Yeltsin?	[2]
(b)	Describe the Great Terror of the late 1930s.	[4]

(c)	Explain how the Second World War affected the Soviet Union.	[6]

(<i>d</i>)	Why was Gorbachev an important leader of the Soviet Union?	[8]

(e)	How far did the Soviet Union develop 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]

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

Study the information below and then 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 Russian peasants marching in protest. The banner reads "get rid of the kulaks".



(a)	Who were the kulaks?	[2]
(b)	Describe the collapse of the USSR in 1991.	[4]

<i>(c)</i>	Explain how life for the Soviet people was affected by the Cold War.	[6]

(d) How did Stalin's policy of industrialisation affect the lives of the Soviet people?	[8]

(e)	How far were the lives of the Soviet people changed by communist rule between 1924 and 1991?		
	(In your answer you may wish to consider the position of peasants, industrialisation, the impact of World War II, 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 the leaders of the USSR and the USA in 1973.



(a)	What was détente?	[2]
(b)	Describe the siege of Stalingrad between 1941 and 1943.	[4]

(c)	Explain why the Soviet Union invaded Hungary in 1956.	[6]

(d) Why did the Soviet Union's relationship with China change in the 1950s and 1960s?	[8]

(e)	How did the USSR influence 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 World War II, the Cold War, relations with China, the situation in 1991 and any other relevant factors.)		
