

**SECTION A****Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.****EITHER**

- 1** Were economic problems the main reason for the difficulties faced by the Soviet governments in the years 1917-28?

**(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)****OR**

- 2** Was Brezhnev's leadership the main reason for political stagnation in the USSR in the years 1964-82?

**(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)**

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Chosen question number: **Question 1**  **Question 2**

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**SECTION B****Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.****EITHER**

- 3** To what extent did the role of the Soviet secret police change in the years 1917-85?

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)****OR**

- 4** How significant were the attempts of the Soviet regime to promote a stable society in the years 1953-85?

**(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)**

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**SECTION C**

**Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.**

- 5** Historians have different views about the reasons for the fall of the Soviet Union. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that the collapse of the Soviet Union came about because of the impact of the nationalist resurgence in the Soviet republics in the late 1980s?

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