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GCSE

HISTORY

COMPONENT 2: STUDIES IN BREADTH

Period Study

**2C. The Development of the USSR,
1924-1991**

SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

45 Minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer all questions on the examination paper.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

Question 5 will assess your ability to construct a balanced, reasoned and well substantiated extended response.

QUESTION 1

Describe the status of women during the rule of Stalin. [5]

[15 x answer lines]

QUESTION 2

How far did Gorbachev's policies change the USSR in the 1980s? [6]

[18 x answer lines]

QUESTION 3

Stalin used a number of methods to maintain power in the USSR. The methods of control included:

- The use of propaganda and censorship
- The creation of the Cult of Stalin
- The use of terror

Arrange the methods of control in order of their significance in Stalin's maintenance of power in the USSR. Explain your choices.

First choice -

[9 x answer lines]

Second choice -

[9 x answer lines]

Third choice -

[9 x answer lines]

[9]

QUESTION 4

Explain why Khrushchev introduced the policy of de-Stalinisation after 1956. [8]

[24 x answer lines]

QUESTION 5

How important was the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 in the relationship between the USSR and the USA between 1945 and 1991? [12]

[In your answer you should discuss the importance of the Cuban Missile Crisis alongside other factors in order to reach a judgement.]

[36 x answer lines]

