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HISTORY
COMPONENT 2: STUDIES IN BREADTH
Period Study

2C. The Development of the USSR, 1924–1991

45 minutes

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

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. Additional space is provided for Question 5 within the booklet (if required). If further space is required for any question, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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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.



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Answer **all** questions.

QUESTION 1

Describe the Arms Race between the USSR and the USA between 1945 and 1991.

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QUESTION 2

How far did Stalin's Five Year Plans change the economy of the USSR between 1928 and 1953?

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The USSR was changed by the policies of Gorbachev, such as:

- Arrange the factors in order of their significance in changing the USSR. Explain your choices.

[9]

Third choice



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Explain why the 'Cult of Stalin' was important in maintaining Stalin's power over the USSR between 1924 and 1953. [8]

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How important was de-Stalinisation in the development of the USSR after 1953?

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[In your answer you should discuss the importance of de-Stalinisation, alongside other factors, in order to reach a judgement.]



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