



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Level Examination  
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## History

## HIS3K

**Unit 3K Triumph and Collapse: Russia and the USSR, 1941–1991**

**Friday 10 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm**

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### **Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 minutes

### **Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS3K.
- Answer **two** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

### **Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### **Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**Question 1**

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'The USSR remained politically and socially stable in the years 1964 to 1982 despite the policies of the Brezhnev regime.'

Assess the validity of this view. (45 marks)

**Question 2**

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'Gorbachev's reluctance to commit himself fully to radical reform caused the break-up of the USSR.'

Assess the validity of this view. (45 marks)

**Question 3**

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'Agriculture was always the fundamental weakness of the Soviet economy.'

Assess the validity of this view of the Soviet economy in the years between 1945 and Brezhnev's death in 1982. (45 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**