

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Level Examination



## **HISTORY**

**HS6G**

### **Unit 6W**

#### **Alternative G: The Re-unification of Germany, c1969–1990**

Thursday 12 June 2008 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 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 HS6G.
- Answer **all** questions.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

### **Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### **Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on part (c).

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Answer **all** questions.

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- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A**

A brief text extract adapted from K JARAUSCH, *The Rush to German Unity*, 1994, discussing the use of secret police, the Stasi, in identifying and suppressing dissent against the government in East Germany. Not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

**Source B**

A brief text extract adapted from a Stasi 'state of the nation' report, September 1989, acknowledging the shortcomings of socialism for the citizens of the GDR. Not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

**Source C**

A brief text extract adapted from M FULBROOK, *Anatomy of a Dictatorship*, 1995, discussing the discontent amongst the East German populace, with their economic situation. Not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

- (a) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

Assess the validity of the view in **Source A** about why there was so little political opposition in the GDR before the summer of 1989. *(10 marks)*

- (b) Use **Source B** and your own knowledge.

How useful is **Source B** as evidence about the reasons for the growth of opposition within the GDR by September 1989? *(10 marks)*

- (c) Use **Sources A, B and C** and your own knowledge.

‘It was the loss of support from its own citizens which brought about the downfall of the GDR in November 1989.’  
Assess the validity of this view. *(20 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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