



A-level HISTORY

The Crisis of Communism: The USSR and the Soviet Empire, 1953–2000

Paper 2T

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2T**.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the two questions in Section B.
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Section A

Answer Question 01

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the Polish revolution, 1980-1982.

[30 marks]

Section BAnswer **two** questions

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‘Despite his apparent readiness to negotiate with the USA, Khrushchev was never committed to a policy of peaceful co-existence.’

Assess the validity of this statement.

[25 marks]**0 3**

‘Although his regime was threatened by many different groups within the USSR, Brezhnev managed to deal with all opposition effectively.’

Assess the validity of this statement.

[25 marks]**0 4**

How significant was Dubcek in the escalation of the crisis in Czechoslovakia in 1968?

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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