



**GCSE**

**HISTORY**

**Paper 1 Section A/C: Russia,  
1894–1945: Tsardom and communism**

**8145/1A/C**

**Interpretations Booklet**

**INTERPRETATIONS A and B for use in  
answering Questions 01, 02 and 03**

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## **INTERPRETATION A**

**Adapted from a letter written by Chairman Mao, the leader of China, to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1963.**

**In 1949 China became a Communist country under Mao's leadership. He had copied some of Stalin's methods to establish a dictatorship in China and had received Soviet support.**

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## **INTERPRETATION B**

**Adapted from an interview with Else Rutgers in 2004.**

**Born in Switzerland, Rutgers was brought up believing in Communism. In 1932, aged 19, she emigrated with her Dutch husband to live and work in the USSR.**

**In 1942 Rutgers was imprisoned without trial for her views. She served five years in a Soviet labour camp before returning to Switzerland.**

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