

AS HISTORY

The Transformation of China, 1936–1997

Component 2P The emergence of the People’s Republic of China, 1936–1962

Tuesday 23 May 2023 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7041/2P.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a confidential Soviet record of a meeting between Stalin and Chinese Communist Party leaders, Moscow, 27 June 1949. Xinjiang was an independent region within north west China.

Liu Shaoqi handed Stalin a letter from Mao Zedong, which thanked Stalin for the enormous aid given to China by the USSR.

Stalin said that the USSR had decided to provide China with a further loan of 300 million dollars. The loan will be provided in the form of equipment, machines and various kinds of materials and goods.

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Stalin said that China should not put off the occupation of Xinjiang because a delay might lead to Western interference in Xinjiang's affairs. There are large deposits of oil and cotton there, which China needs badly. After taking Xinjiang the Chinese population there should be increased by resettlement in order to develop this huge and rich region and strengthen China's borders.

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Source B

From a written report to the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, by Mao Zedong, 6 June 1950.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining problems facing China at the end of the Civil War?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'China strengthened its relationship with its neighbours (Korea, Tibet, Taiwan and the USSR) in the years 1949 to 1952.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Mao's power in China significantly increased in the years 1952 to 1958.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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