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# History

## Advanced Subsidiary
## PAPER 1: Breadth study with interpretations
## Option 1E: Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin

**You must have:**
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are three sections in this question paper. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and the question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION A

**Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.**

**EITHER**

**1** Was the Bolsheviks' poor handling of the economy the main reason for the difficulties faced by the Soviet regime in the years 1917–28?

**(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

**2** Was Brezhnev's leadership the main reason for the decline of the Soviet economy in the years 1964–82?

**(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)**

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Chosen question number: **Question 1** ☐ **Question 2** ☐

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## SECTION B

**Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.**

**EITHER**

**3** How accurate is it to say that the Soviet government's hostility towards religion did not change in the years 1917–85?

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**

**OR**

**4** How accurate is it to say that the status of women in Soviet society under Stalin was different from the status of women in Soviet society under Khrushchev and Brezhnev?

**(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)**

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## SECTION C

**Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.**

**5** Historians have different views about the reasons for the fall of the Soviet Union. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that the collapse of the Soviet Union came about because of the power of nationalism?

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**(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS**
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**Extracts for use with Section C.**

**Extract 1:** From Robert Hornsby, *The Impact of the Nationalist Resurgence*, published 2015.

Nationalism became a powerful force almost everywhere in the USSR in the late 1980s. This was partly due to the fact that so many leaders and elites in the different parts of the Soviet Union decided that their ultimate allegiance was not to the USSR but to their own Republic – Russia, Ukraine, Georgia or anywhere else.

Public demonstrations for independence in cities such as Minsk, Kiev and Tbilisi topped 100,000 people by the start of the 1990s. In the Baltic states around 2 million people held hands in a human protest chain for independence that stretched right across the region.

Nationalism was so significant because it was encouraged by a number of other issues: by economic decline, by limitations on religion and culture, by political issues, by local and national problems. It was also encouraged by the popular mood among the masses and the political manoeuvring of the local elites. One only needs to look at the 15 countries that emerged from the Soviet collapse as independent states to see that holding them together was a virtual impossibility without the use of force.

**Extract 2:** From Anders Aslund, *Russia's Capitalist Revolution: Why Market Reform Succeeded and Democracy Failed*, published 2007.

The sudden burst of activity in the Soviet Union during 1985–87 broke two decades of stagnation. Gorbachev's top priority was to revitalise the economy. His team tried all kind of measures, but economic growth did not improve. Shortages became worse because tax revenues declined with the anti-alcohol campaign, and a larger share of national wealth was diverted to inefficient investment. *Perestroika* fell miserably short of its main goal which was to boost economic growth.

*Glasnost* started later than the other policies and took off much more gradually. It came into its own in 1987 and freedom of speech was attained in 1989. Gorbachev unleashed *glasnost* in order to undermine hard line Communist opposition to his reforms. But *glasnost* could not be controlled. It threatened not only the hardliners but the very foundations of the Soviet state, especially the state's ruthless policies against various nationalities. Rather than strengthen the Soviet state, *glasnost* eventually suggested that the Soviet Government was no longer sustainable.

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