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COMBINED HUMANITIES (HISTORY)

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Specimen Paper

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Candidates answer on separate writing paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST:

1. Answer Question 1 from Section A. You are advised to spend no longer than 60 minutes on Section A. Answer one question from Section B.
2. Start Section B on a fresh piece of writing paper.

Topic names will be listed above each question for your benefit and revision

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This question paper consists of 7 printed pages including the cover page

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Section A (Source-based Case Study)
Question 1 is compulsory for all candidates

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources you are told to use. In answering the questions, you should use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

A) Study Source A.

Why do you think this cartoon was published at that time? Explain your answer.
[5m]

B) Study Source C and D.

How far does Source C agree with Source D about the success of Stalin's Five-Year Plan? Explain your answer. [6m]

C) Study Source B.

Is Source B reliable in its claim about the success of Stalin's Five-Year Plan? Explain your answer. [5m]

D) Study Source E.

How surprised are you by what this source says? Explain your answer. [6m]

E) 'The First Five-Year Plan was successful.' How far do these sources support this view? Use the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. [8m]

Was the First Five-Year Plan a success?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read this carefully. It may help answer some of the questions.

In 1928, in an effort to modernize the Soviet economy, Stalin introduced the first of the Five-Year Plans. Ambitious production targets were set for both agriculture, where collectivization was started, and for Russia's heavy industries. Emphasis was placed on the development of heavy industries such as coal, iron steel and electricity. Stalin was convinced that, if Russia failed to modernise to become a self-sufficient and militarily strong communist state, then his enemies in the capitalist West would eventually destroy communism in Russia.

How successful was the First Five-Year Plan?

Source A: A Soviet poster published in 1931. It says, 'Victory of the 5 Year Plan - a blow to Capitalism'



Source B: A Soviet poster about the First Five-Year Plan from 1928. It shows the reaction of a capitalist, first to the Plan, and then to the effects of the Plan. The words at the top of the poster say, 'The First Five-Year Plan - 1928.' Below this the capitalist is saying, 'Fantasy, Delirium, Utopia'



“Fantasy” means to imagine a situation which is unlikely to happen.

“Delirium” means wild excitement and confused thinking.

“Utopia” means an imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect.

Source C: *From a speech made by an English businessman in 1931, after he had visited Russia.*

I am a capitalist, not a communist. Yet Russia is forging ahead while, because of the World Depression, our own factories and shipyards are closed and our people desperately seek work. Jokes have been made about the Five-Year Plan, and its failure has been predicted. However, much more has been accomplished than was ever expected. New cities are growing up, modern houses, schools, hospitals, workers' clubs and nurseries, where the children of working mothers are cared for. Don't underestimate the Russians or their plans. Russia is a country of amazing activity. Most important, the workers in Russia have something which is sadly lacking in the capitalist countries today, and that is - hope!

Source D: *'All over the Plan!' An American cartoon published in 1931*



Source E: *From a book published in 1937, written by a Communist American journalist, who was based in Russia from 1927 to 1934.*

Was the first Five-Year Plan a 'success'? For whom and for what? Certainly not for the individual worker, who was terrorised by brutal laws, who had lost control of his own life. Certainly not for the Soviet people who were crushed by cruelties of such a scale. But if industrialization were an end in itself, the USSR had much to show for the sacrifices it had made. Many huge new enterprises were erected. The foundations were laid for a new industrial empire. The defensive ability of the country, in a military sense, had been vastly increased. Measured by merely industrial production, the Plan achieved much, though it fell far short of the original goals.

Section B: Structured-Essay Questions

Answer any **ONE** question.

1. This question is on the start of the Cold War.

- (a) Explain why US actions in the immediate post-war years contributed to the Cold War. [8m]
- (b) 'The USA was to be blamed for starting the Cold War.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [12m]

2. This question is on World War II in Europe.

- (a) Explain why American involvement in World War II led to Germany's defeat. [8m]
- (b) 'The entry of the USA in 1941 escalated Germany's defeat in World War II.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [12m]

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