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# Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

## Thursday 23 May 2024

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# History

## Advanced

## 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** How accurate is it to say that, in the years 1917–28, Bolshevik control of the mass media and propaganda was the main reason for the consolidation of the Soviet regime?

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

**OR**

**2** How accurate is it to say that the failure of central planning played a significant role in the decline of the Soviet economy in the years 1964–85?

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

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## SECTION B

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

**EITHER**

**3** How significant was the role of the secret police in sustaining the Soviet regime in the years 1953–85?

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

**OR**

**4** How accurate is it to say that, in the years 1917–85, the Soviet regime's attitudes towards the family as a social unit did not change?

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## SECTION C

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

**5** In the light of differing interpretations, how convincing do you find the view that the USSR collapsed in 1991 because of Boris Yeltsin's opposition to the Soviet government?

To explain your answer, analyse and evaluate the material in both extracts, using your own knowledge of the issues.

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**Extracts for use with Section C.**

**Extract 1:** From J. N. Westwood, *Endurance and Endeavour: Russian History 1812–1992*, published 1993.

By summer 1990, Yeltsin, now openly opposed by Gorbachev, was elected president of the Russian Republic. Strengthened by his new status and Lithuania's recent declaration of independence from the USSR, Yeltsin got his parliament to declare Russia a self-governing republic. Other republics also made similar declarations of independence and it was clear that the central USSR government was losing authority. These republics had some success when insisting that their laws took precedence over Soviet laws.

Yeltsin also led the popular resistance to the August 1991 attempted hard-line communist coup and was rightly seen as the hero of the hour. Over the next few days, he took the opportunity to crush the Communist Party, once and for all. He suspended the activities of the Communist Party in the Russian Republic. During the rest of 1991, the transfer of power from Gorbachev's USSR to the republics was unstoppable with Yeltsin setting the pace and Gorbachev fighting to preserve the union. At the end of 1991, with republics collecting and keeping taxes and the Ukraine voting for independence, it became clear that the USSR was about to collapse.

**Extract 2:** From Robert Service, *A History of Modern Russia: From Nicholas II to Putin*, published 2003.

The term 'reform' implies a series of modifications which leave the basic political, economic and social order intact. However, some of the principal features of communism in the USSR were being undermined by Gorbachev's reforming activity: the one-party state, the ideological control, the centralised administration and the state economic monopoly. Perestroika had become a project for total transformation. It was hardly surprising that many senior Soviet figures, including several he had promoted, were shocked by what was happening. Gorbachev, by his actions, if not by his deliberate purpose, was encouraging the disintegration of the existing Soviet system.

Gorbachev's communist background prevented him from seeing clearly where his path of transformation was leading the USSR. While wanting a market economy, he did not think this would involve much capitalism. While approving of national self-expression, he opposed the idea of any republic seceding from the USSR. While wishing to replace traditional communist officials with energetic newcomers, he often chose newcomers who had no serious commitment to reform. Although he did radicalise his proposals during these years, Gorbachev always lagged behind the deepening crisis affecting the economy, the republics and the personnel of the Soviet system.

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