

Past Exam Questions- Unit 1

D4 – Stalin's Russia, 1924–53

Jan 2009

7. How far were economic problems responsible for Stalin's decision to replace the New Economic Policy in 1928 with the first Five-Year Plan?
8. How far was the dramatic development of a war economy responsible for the USSR's victory in the Second World War?

June 2009

7. How far do you agree that the collectivisation of agriculture made an essential contribution to Stalin's transformation of the Russian economy?
8. To what extent did Stalin establish a personal dictatorship in the years 1929-39?

Jan 2010

7. How significant were the personalities of the contenders to succeed Lenin in accounting for Stalin's defeat of his opponents in the years 1924-29?
8. How far did Stalin's social policies change the lives of children and women in the years to 1945?

May 2010

7. How successful were the Five-Year Plans in transforming Russian industry in the years to 1941?
8. To what extent did Soviet culture perform a political role in the USSR in the years 1924-53?

Jan 2011

7. How far were divisions over the continuation of the New Economic Policy responsible for the contest to succeed Lenin in the years 1924–28?
8. How far do you agree that the most important result of the repression of 1934–38 was the strengthening of Stalin's political dominance?

May 2011

7. How accurate is it to say that the most important result of the collectivisation of agriculture was that it imposed Communist control on the countryside?
8. Why, despite the disasters of 1941, was the USSR able to defeat Germany by 1945?

Jan 2012

7. How far did the aims and key features of the Five-Year Plans change in the years 1928–41?
8. How accurate is it to say that the lend-lease programme was the most important reason for the USSR's victory in the Second World War?

June 2012

7. Why were Stalin's opponents unable to prevent him from becoming the leader of the USSR by 1929?
8. To what extent did collectivisation improve Soviet agriculture in the years 1928–41?

D5 – Pursuing Life and Liberty: Equality in the USA, 1945–68

Jan 2009

9. How important was the contribution of Martin Luther King to the civil rights movement in the years 1955–68?
10. How far had the status of Hispanic and Native Americans improved by the late 1960s?

May 2009

9. How far did the position of Black Americans improve in the years 1945–55?
10. How far do you agree that the Black Power movement hindered Black civil rights in the 1960s?

Jan 2010

9. To what extent was the Federal Government responsible for improving the status of black people in the United States in the years 1945–64?
10. How far was the effectiveness of the civil rights movement in the 1960s limited by internal divisions?

May 2010

9. How accurate is it to say that the status of black people in the United States changed very little in the years 1945–55?
10. How far was peaceful protest responsible for the successes of the civil rights movement in the years 1955–64?

Jan 2011

9. To what extent was the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) responsible for the successes of the civil rights campaign in the years 1945–57?
10. How far were the forces opposed to civil rights responsible for the failures of the civil rights movement in the 1960s?

May 2011

9. How far do you agree that the impact of the Second World War was the main reason why the position of African Americans improved in the years 1945–55?
10. How accurate is it to say that Martin Luther King's policy of peaceful protest was the most important reason for the successes of the civil rights movement in the years 1955–68?

Jan 2012

9. How successful was Martin Luther King's campaign for civil rights in the years 1955–68?
10. To what extent did the status of ethnic minorities, apart from African Americans, change in the 1960s?

June 2012

9. How far do you agree that the years 1945–55 saw only limited progress in improving the status of African Americans?
10. How accurate is it to say that the growth of Black Power was the most important factor in the weakening of the civil rights movement in the 1960s?