

Past Exam Questions- Unit 1

D4 – Stalin's Russia, 1924–53

30 mark questions – only answer one question from each choice

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? OR
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?