You do not need any other materials.

History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option D: A World Divided: Communism and Democracy in the Twentieth Century

Wednesday 13 May 2015 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

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.
• Answer TWO questions: ONE question on each of the TWO topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer ONE question on each topic.
• 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.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in all your responses
  – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

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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You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.

D1 – Crises, Tensions and Political Divisions in China, 1900–49

EITHER

1 How accurate is it to say that the weaknesses of the Imperial government were the most important factor in the fall of the Qing dynasty in 1911–12?  

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2 How successful was Chiang Kai-Shek’s rule in the years 1928–45?  

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

D2 – Mao’s China, 1949–76

EITHER

3 How successful were the government’s agricultural and industrial policies in the years 1949–62?  

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4 Why was Mao Zedong able to defeat his political rivals so completely in the years 1962–76?  

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

D3 – Russia in Revolution, 1881–1924: From Autocracy to Dictatorship

EITHER

5 How far do you agree that weak political leadership was the most important reason for the collapse in 1917 of both Tsarism and the Provisional Government?  

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6 Why, despite widespread opposition to their rule, were the Bolsheviks able to maintain their hold on power in the years to 1924?  

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
D4 – Stalin’s Russia, 1924–53

EITHER

7 How accurate is it to say that differing views on the future of the USSR were mainly responsible for deciding the outcome of the power struggle after Lenin’s death?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8 How far do you agree that the Five-Year Plans improved Soviet industry dramatically in the years 1928–41?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

9 How successful was the NAACP in changing the status of African Americans in the years 1945–56?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How successful was the protest culture of the 1960s in promoting the growth of individual freedom in American society?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

D6 – Ideology, Conflict and Retreat: the USA in Asia, 1950–73

EITHER

11 How accurate is it to say that China’s intervention was the most important factor in deciding the outcome of the Korean War?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 How far do you agree that Nixon’s policy towards Vietnam was remarkably successful?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

D7 – Politics, Presidency and Society in the USA, 1968–2001

EITHER

13 Why was Reagan re-elected in 1984, yet Bush unable to secure re-election in 1992?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 To what extent did the USA achieve a racially tolerant society in the years 1968–2001?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)
Put a cross in the box indicating the FIRST question you have chosen to answer ✗. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ✗ and then put a cross in another box ✗.

Chosen Question Number:

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Question 4  ❌  Question 5  ❌  Question 6  ❌

Question 7  ❌  Question 8  ❌  Question 9  ❌

Question 10  ❌  Question 11  ❌  Question 12  ❌

Question 13  ❌  Question 14  ❌

(This page is for your first answer.)
Put a cross in the box indicating the SECOND question you have chosen to answer ☒. Your second question choice must be on a different topic to your first question choice. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.

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Question 13 ☐  Question 14 ☐

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