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**Wednesday 20 January 2021**

Morning (Time: 2 hours)

Paper Reference **WHI02/1C**

**History**

**International Advanced Subsidiary**

**Paper 2: Breadth Study with Source Evaluation**

**Option 1C: Russia, 1917–91: From Lenin to Yeltsin**

**You must have:**

Sources 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.
- Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- 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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**Study Source 2 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.**

(b) How much weight do you give to the evidence of Source 2 for an enquiry into the reasons for the failure of the coup against Gorbachev in August 1991?

Explain your answer using the source, the information given about it and your own knowledge of the historical context.

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(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS**



## SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

**EITHER**

- 2 How accurate is it to say that, in the years 1917–28, the attempt to create a command economy was a complete failure?

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

**OR**

- 3 How accurate is it to say that the impact of the Second World War was the most significant factor affecting the status of women in the Soviet Union in the years 1917–53?

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

**OR**

- 4 How accurate is it to say that Khrushchev liberalised the control of the people in the Soviet Union?

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**



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### Sources for use with Section A.

**Source 1:** From a report into the Soviet economy, published 1983. This report by leading Soviet academics was considered by members of the Soviet government. Here it is commenting on issues arising in the command economy by the end of Brezhnev's rule.

The structure of the national economy has become much more complex. The number of its links has grown enormously. The organisation of the national economy is now so complicated that it is not possible to control it effectively from one single centre.

The workforce does not produce satisfactory results. Many workers show a lack of interest in their work and they are not concerned about its low quality. Workers attach a low value to hard work as a means of achieving their potential, but instead they demonstrate an intense interest in consumer goods. They show a rather low level of discipline. 5

The economy is in decline. Attitudes to economic development are getting worse. Poor attitudes throughout the economy have led to a reduction in growth rates in production. Nowadays, the activities of the more talented, brave and energetic leaders are not highly valued. Instead a high value is placed on the performances of the 'obedient' chiefs, even if they cannot boast production successes. 10  
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**Source 2:** From a speech made by the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, to the Parliament of the Russian Republic, 24 August 1991. Here Gorbachev is commenting on the failed coup.

It was the enormous numbers of Russian people that barred the road to the plotters. I also want to call particular attention to the outstanding role of the President of Russia in these events, Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin.

The plotters miscalculation was mainly as follows:

They thought that the Union was on the verge of catastrophe, of collapse, that there would be a national calamity and that the people would support them. That was the main miscalculation of the organisers of this plot. 20

The people did not support the plotters. The people refused to follow the plotters' orders. The armed forces who were ordered into the streets took a position of principle against the coup. This is true of almost every one of them, to the last man, soldiers and officers, the overwhelming majority. 25

Therefore, the plotters' calculations, that they would be supported and that the difficulties of the country would help them in carrying out their plans, were not justified. This was the main reason for their defeat. We are already a different society and there is no place for those who want to return to the old Soviet system. 30