4.10 Gorbachev's New Thinking: Glasnost, Perestroika and Reform in the USSR: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 Give the name of the policy associated with greater openness in public discussion and the media that Gorbachev promoted from 1985.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 State one economic problem faced by the Soviet Union in the early 1980s that helped persuade Gorbachev to introduce reform.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Name the Soviet leader who died in March 1985, shortly before Gorbachev took power.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Name one reform Gorbachev introduced to increase openness in the Soviet media or public debate under glasnost.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Give one economic measure Gorbachev used to try to improve Soviet agriculture during perestroika.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 Give the year in which elections with a choice of candidates were first held for the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies.

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 State two ways in which the first contested elections to the Congress of People's Deputies were different from earlier Soviet elections.

(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

Glasnost **B1**

Answer: Glasnost

Question 2

identifies an economic problem, e.g. stagnating industrial growth or low productivity **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. failure to modernise factories and poor incentives for workers reduced output **B1**

Answer: E.g. stagnating industrial growth and low productivity because state factories lacked modern investment and incentives.

Question 3

Konstantin Chernenko **B1**

Answer: Konstantin Chernenko

Question 4

greater freedom for newspapers and journals to report previously suppressed issues **B1**

Answer: Allowing newspapers and journals greater freedom to report previously suppressed issues.

Question 5

allow some private plots or cooperatives greater freedom to sell produce **B1**

Answer: Allowing collective farms greater freedom to operate and sell produce, and supporting private plots or cooperatives.

Question 6

1989 **B1**

Answer: 1989

Question 7

in most constituencies voters had a choice of candidates, whereas earlier elections offered a single approved candidate **B1**

critics of the Communist Party, e.g. Boris Yeltsin, could stand and win seats (accept that many senior Party officials were defeated by rival candidates) **B1**

Answer: Voters had a choice of candidates, and critics of the Party could stand and win.

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