4.12 The Fall of the Berlin Wall and the End of the Cold War, 1989-91: 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 date on which the Berlin Wall was effectively opened, allowing East Germans to cross into West Berlin.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name the East German leader who was in office at the time the Berlin Wall fell.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Name the Polish trade union that won the semi-free elections in Poland in June 1989.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Give one action taken by the Hungarian government in 1989 that helped East Germans to leave the GDR via Hungary.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Name the peaceful 1989 uprising in Czechoslovakia that led to the end of communist rule.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 Name the failed hardline coup attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev that took place in the Soviet Union in August 1991.

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 Give the month and year when Nicolae Ceaucescu was overthrown in Romania.

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

8 State one way in which mass protests in East Germany contributed to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

9 November 1989 **B1**

Answer: 9 November 1989

Question 2

Egon Krenz **B1**

Answer: Egon Krenz

Question 3

Solidarity **B1**

Answer: Solidarity

Question 4

any one valid action, e.g. began removing the border fence (fortifications) with Austria in May 1989; allowed the Pan-European Picnic border opening in August 1989; opened the border to East Germans on 11 September 1989; refused to send East Germans back to the GDR, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. they removed border fortifications with Austria (from May 1989) and opened the border to East Germans in September 1989.

Question 5

The Velvet Revolution **B1**

Answer: The Velvet Revolution

Question 6

The August 1991 coup (the August Putsch) **B1**

Answer: The August 1991 coup, often called the August Putsch.

Question 7

December 1989 **B1**

Answer: December 1989

Question 8

identifies a way, e.g. they showed the scale of public opposition **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. weekly protests in cities such as Leipzig grew into mass demonstrations that pressured the regime to concede on travel and reform **B1**

Answer: They showed the scale of public opposition, for example weekly mass demonstrations in Leipzig grew and pressured the East German leadership into concessions on travel and reform.

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