

GENERAL

The question paper was of a good standard as regards the content and skills that needed to be applied. Most candidates answered the question paper satisfactorily. However the wording of certain essay questions gave most candidates problems. The same problem was experienced in the source-based questions.

ESSAYS:

1. The reference to Macmillan's speech in Question 1 was very problematic. Few candidates referred to Macmillan in their essays. They were penalized for this.
2. In Question 2A (Lenin) many candidates focused on the NEP instead of War Communism.
3. While Question 3A, which was on the Great Depression, caused some confusion, most candidates were careful not to focus only on the consequences of the Depression, but provided a detailed discussion of the causes as well.

SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

Generally speaking, the source-based questions were answered well.

1. Candidates were not able to answer Questions 4.1.3(b) and 4.1.4. The question was more of a mathematical nature and candidates were not specifically asked to compare the two countries.
2. Many of the candidates who answered Question 6 (Cold War) did not have much knowledge of the topic. This question was, therefore, not answered satisfactorily.