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HI31E

Stalinism in Europe, 1928-1953

Time allowed: 7 days

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Submission: By 11:00am on 28 May via Tabula

Answer TWO questions - Each question is limited to 1500 words.

Assessment Guidance:

- You **MUST** read the supporting information on the History website:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/covidexam/>
 - You **MUST** submit answers on Tabula by 11:00am on the deadline date (all deadlines can be found on the [departmental exam timetable](#) or on your Tabula assessment page).
 - You **MUST** ensure that you upload the correct answer paper to the correct module.
 - Your exam answer paper **MUST** include:
 - Student ID number.
 - The module code and the module title.
 - Clearly state which questions have been answered.
 - Answers should be a maximum of 1500 words.
 - Answers are not expected to include a bibliography or footnotes, however, if you have consulted any materials please list these at the end of your answers.
 - Answers should **NOT** include any significant amount of material already presented in **ANY** assessed work.
 - Where necessary, papers for modules affected by industrial action in the 2019-2020 academic year include additional questions to provide a full range of topics.
 - This take-home assessment is a one-year variance from the normal examination format due to COVID-19 and will apply only in the 2019-2020 academic year.
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1. To what extent did the Soviet peasantry benefit from the New Economic Policy?

2. Why did the Soviet leadership decide to begin a policy of rapid industrialization?

3. What were the functions of art and literature in Stalinist Russia?

4. To what extent did the Bolsheviks succeed in making a 'new Soviet man'?

5. Who were the victims of the Great Terror of 1936-1938?

6. 'The Soviet Union was a prison of nations'. Discuss.

7. 'The international communist movement was weakened by the Bolshevisation of the communist parties'. Discuss.

8. Was the Soviet Union of the 1930s a totalitarian society?

9. 'Soviet victory over Nazi Germany owes more to the patriotism of the Russian people than to Stalin.' Discuss.

10. What impact did the Cold War have on Soviet domestic policy before 1953?

11. To what extent did upward mobility strengthen the Soviet political system?

12. Why did the Communist International denounce social democrats as 'social fascists' in 1929?

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