

# Paper One (HL and SL)

## Communism in Crisis 1976–89

### Source based questions



The struggle for power following the death of Mao  
The defeat of the gang of 4 and the re-emergence of Deng Xiaoping

China under Deng Xiaoping: economic policies and the Four Modernisations  
Political changes, and their limits, culminating in Tiananmen Square 1989



Domestic and foreign problems of the Brezhnev era. economic and political stagnation; Afghanistan

Gorbachev and his aims and policies and the consequences for the Soviet state.  
Consequences of Gorbachev's policies for Eastern Europe; reform movements

# Paper 2 (HL and SL)

## Authoritarian and Single-Party States

### Essay based examination

Origins and nature of authoritarian and single-party states.

Establishment of single-party states  
Domestic policies and impact.

Europe: Germany – Hitler, USSR – Stalin  
Asia: China – Mao  
Americas: Cuba – Castro



# Paper 2 (HL and SL)

## The Cold War

### Essay based examination



Origins of the Cold war  
Nature of the Cold War  
Development and impact of the Cold War  
End of the Cold War

Material for study  
Wartime conferences, US policies in Europe,  
Soviet policies in Eastern Europe, Sino-Soviet  
and US-Chinese relations  
Germany, Afghanistan, Korea, Cuba and  
Vietnam



# Paper 3 (Only)

## Asia and Oceania

### Essay based examination



**Early Modernization and Imperial decline in east Asia – mid 19th century.**

**The Republic of China 1912–49 and the rise of Communism**



**China: the regional superpower from mid 20th to 2000**

# INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

**HIGHER  
LEVEL**

20%  
1500-2000 words

**STANDARD  
LEVEL**

25%  
1500-2000 words



# ASSESSMENT

## PAPER 1

STANDARD AND HIGHER LEVEL

1 hour 30 minutes

Source based questions

## PAPER 2

STANDARD AND HIGHER LEVEL

1 hour 30 minutes

Essay based examination

## PAPER 3

HIGHER LEVEL

2 hours 30 minutes

IB History

# WHAT MAKES A GOOD IB DIPLOMA Historian?

Critical thinker

Research  
Skills

Literary  
Skills

Application  
Skills

Awareness  
of current  
affairs

Leadership  
Skills

Analytical

Politically aware

