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# History

**Advanced**

**PAPER 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth**

**Option 38.1: The making of modern Russia, 1855–1991**

**Option 38.2: The making of modern China, 1860–1997**

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**Sources for use with Section A.**

**Answer the question in Section A on the option for which you have been prepared.**

**Option 38.1: The making of modern Russia, 1855–1991**

**Source for use with Question 1.**

**Source 1:** From the 'secret' speech delivered by Nikita Khrushchev at the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, 25 February 1956. In March 1956, the Central Committee ordered that it should be read and discussed at thousands of local party meetings.

In the Central Committee's report to this Congress, quite a lot has been said about the harmful consequences of the cult of the individual. The Committee believes that it is against the spirit of Marxism-Leninism to elevate one person, to transform him into a superman possessing supernatural characteristics like those of a god. Such a belief about Stalin was cultivated among us for many years. As yet, not everyone fully realises the harmful consequences of this cult of the individual: that it destroyed the principle of collective leadership and led to the accumulation of immense power in the hands of one person. Therefore, the Central Committee considers it absolutely necessary to make evidence about this matter available to this Congress.

Stalin did not act through persuasion and patient cooperation with people but by demanding absolute submission to his opinion. Whoever opposed him was doomed. Many party leaders and party workers, honest and dedicated to the cause of communism, fell victim to Stalin's despotism. Stalin originated the concept of 'enemy of the people.' It made possible the use of the cruellest repression against anyone who, in any way, disagreed with him. Usually, the only proof of guilt actually used was the 'confession' of the accused himself. This was against all rules of legal practice. As subsequent investigations have proven, 'confessions' were often acquired through physical and mental torture. This led to many entirely innocent individuals becoming victims.

Comrades! The cult of the individual distorted both party work and economic activity. It violated internal party and Soviet democracy, creating an unproductive administration that encouraged the covering up of failures. Due to the numerous arrests, many workers began to fear all that was new, showing less initiative in their work. Stalin's death has enabled us to free ourselves of the harmful practice of the cult of the individual. Only then could the creative activity of the masses grow again.

In future, the Central Committee will continue to insist upon Leninist principles of leadership, from the bottom to the top of the Party. It will restore the principle of collective leadership, and follow the written rules of our party. It will fight individuals abusing their power. The evil caused as a result of the cult of the individual has to be completely corrected. Long live the victorious banner of our party – Leninism!

**Option 38.2: The making of modern China, 1860–1997**

**Source for use with Question 2.**

**Source 2:** From comments made by Deng Xiaoping at a meeting with Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, 21 August 1982. The comments were reported widely, both in China and abroad, in the following weeks.

China is a permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations. Everyone can trust China. China means what it says. We do not play political games. China has principles. First, we oppose the domination of world affairs by the superpowers. Second, we wish to safeguard world peace. Third, we are eager to strengthen unity and cooperation with other Third World* countries.

Opposition to the domination of the United States and the Soviet Union and safeguarding world peace are of special significance to the Third World. For many years, the superpowers have taken advantage of conflicts between Third World countries in order to achieve their own objectives. These countries and their peoples have become the real victims of superpower domination. For this reason, it must be the Third World that leads opposition to the domination of the superpowers and safeguards world peace. Following the Second World War, a positive factor in international politics has been the rise of the Third World. Third World membership of the United Nations has increased. Third World political influence has risen considerably. Therefore, the days are gone when two superpowers decide the destiny of people all over the world.

As for China, our strength is limited, as is our role. Many people believe that China holds a special position in the Third World. We say that China is just another member of this Third World, and as such, should look after its own interests. China hopes for peace more than anything else. We need to develop the country and shake off our backwardness. The primary task we have in modernising China is to create greater prosperity by the end of this century. If we can accomplish this, we will be in a much better position. Therefore, we cherish the hope for a peaceful international environment. War would hinder our plan and the needs of people all over the world, particularly in the Third World. Should some nation impose war on us, we are not afraid, and our plans will simply be postponed for a number of years. But we shall resume economic construction after any war ends.

At present, our domestic situation is fairly good. The Chinese people are wholeheartedly concentrating on economic development. Our foreign policy supports this magnificent goal. Although this objective may seem modest to some people, we hail it as a magnificent achievement.

*Third World – a name given to countries of the developing world, mostly in Africa, Asia and South America

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**Source 1 from:** *The cult of the individual - part 5,* By Nikita Khrushchev, © The Guardian News & Media, April 2007

**Source 2 from:** *China's Foreign Policy 1982* - Marxists.org