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## Revision

# De-Stalinisation in the USSR

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Test your knowledge with these multiple-choice questions. Answers can be found on the final page of this PDF.

1. When did Khrushchev become Prime Minister?
  - a. 1956
  - b. 1957
  - c. 1958
2. When did Khrushchev give the Secret Speech?
  - a. 1956
  - b. 1957
  - c. 1958
3. What was Khrushchev's position in 1956?
  - a. Prime Minister
  - b. First Secretary
  - c. Deputy Premier
4. How long did the Secret Speech last?
  - a. 3 hours
  - b. 4 hours
  - c. 5 hours
5. Although the 'virgin lands' scheme has been criticised, grain production did not fall until?
  - a. 1961
  - b. 1962
  - c. 1963
6. Between 1955 to 1966, the number of washing machines increased from one per thousand to what?
  - a. 56
  - b. 68
  - c. 77

7. How many million hectares of new land were brought into production under the 'virgin lands' scheme?
  - a. 40
  - b. 50
  - c. 60
8. When did the Hungarian rising break out?
  - a. 1956
  - b. 1957
  - c. 1958
9. In what year did Khrushchev propose to the USA that the West should withdraw from Berlin?
  - a. 1960
  - b. 1961
  - c. 1962
10. When was the Cuban Missile Crisis?
  - a. 1960
  - b. 1961
  - c. 1962
11. Who was Foreign Secretary following Stalin's death in 1953?
  - a. Malenkov
  - b. Molotov
  - c. Bulganin
12. Who was chief of the MVD removed in 1953?
  - a. Malenkov
  - b. Zhukov
  - c. Beria
13. At which Congress of the CPSU did Khrushchev give his 'Secret Speech'?
  - a. Nineteenth
  - b. Twentieth
  - c. Twenty-first
14. How many million acres of land were freshly ploughed in the first year of the 'virgin lands' scheme?
  - a. 6
  - b. 10

- c. 16
15. In which region was cotton replaced by maize, which would not grow?
- a. Siberia
  - b. Kazakhstan
  - c. Armenia
16. When was the Sixth Five-Year Plan introduced?
- a. 1955
  - b. 1956
  - c. 1957
17. The Six-Year Plan was abandoned as too optimistic and replaced by the Seven-Year Plan. When?
- a. 1957
  - b. 1958
  - c. 1959
18. Which of the following industries achieved their output target by the end of Khrushchev's rule?
- a. Oil
  - b. Mineral fertilisers
  - c. Meat
19. Which of the following industries failed to achieve their target by the end of Khrushchev's rule?
- a. Industrial goods
  - b. Grain
  - c. Steel
20. When did the Soviet Union sign a peace treaty with Austria?
- a. 1955
  - b. 1957
  - c. 1959
21. When was the Sputnik satellite launched?
- a. 1957
  - b. 1959
  - c. 1961
22. When did Khrushchev meet Eisenhower at Camp David?
- a. 1958
  - b. 1959

- c. 1960
23. When was the Berlin Wall built?
- a. 1960
  - b. 1961
  - c. 1962
24. By 1960, how many men did Khrushchev propose to reduce the size in conventional armed forces?
- a. 250,000
  - b. 500,000
  - c. 1,000,000
25. In the same year as the Hungarian Rising, which other eastern bloc state saw unrest?
- a. Poland
  - b. Bulgaria
  - c. East Germany

**Answers can be found on the next page.**

## Answers

1. 1958
2. 1956
3. First Secretary
4. 4 hours
5. 1963
6. 77
7. 40
8. 1956
9. 1961
10. 1962
11. Molotov
12. Beria
13. Twentieth
14. 6
15. Kazakhstan
16. 1955
17. 1959
18. Oil
19. Grain
20. 1955
21. 1957
22. 1959
23. 1961
24. 1,000,000
25. Poland