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## Revision

# Stalin: culture, cult of personality and terror

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

## Questions

- Which composer wrote *Ode to Stalin* for his sixtieth birthday?  
Shostakovich      Prokofiev      Tatlin      Rostropovich
- Writers had to produce material that showed ordinary people overcoming oppression. What was this called?  
Socialist realism      Formalism      Proletkult      Constructivism
- What was the name of the youth organisation placed under the control of the Communist Party in 1926?  
Kolyma      Pioneers      Komsomol      Stakhanovites
- What organisation replaced the Cheka in 1924?  
NKVD      OGPU      Gosplan      ROSTA
- Which leading Communist member was assassinated in December 1934?  
Radek      Yagoda      Kirov      Pyatakov
- Which former head of the NKVD was arrested in 1937 and shot after his trial in 1938?  
Yagoda      Yezhov      Beria      Zaporozhets
- When was the Show Trials of Zinoviev and Kamenev?  
1934      1935      1936      1937
- Who was the head of the NKVD who launched the Great Purge?  
Yagoda      Yezhov      Beria      Zaporozhets
- When were Bukharin and Rykov shot?  
1935      1936      1937      1938
- When was the GPU reorganised as the NKVD?  
1934      1935      1936      1937

11. Who wrote the opera *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*?  
Prokofiev                      Rostropovich                      Mstislav                      Shostakovich
12. Who wrote *Dr Zhivago*?  
Tolstoy                      Pasternak                      Solzhenitsyn                      Gorky
13. What town was renamed Stalingrad in honour of Stalin?  
Toms                      Sverdlovsk                      Tsaritsyn                      Magnitogorsk
14. Who denounced Stalin as 'the evil genius of the Russian Revolution'?  
Trotsky                      Ryutin                      Kamenev                      Zinoviev
15. What percentage of the party were expelled between 1932 and 1934?  
22                      26                      30                      34
16. When was the Seventeenth Party Congress?  
1928                      1930                      1932                      1934
17. In what year was a new constitution adopted?  
1932                      1934                      1936                      1938
18. Who was the head of the NKVD in Leningrad when Kirov was murdered?  
Nikolayev                      Medved                      Yagoda                      Zaporozhets
19. Who was the main prosecutor at the Show Trials?  
Vyshinsky                      Voroshilov                      Beria                      Molotov
20. Which of the following designed the Monument to the Third International?  
Malevich                      Mayakovsky                      Lunacharsky                      Tatlin
21. Which of the following produced agitprop art?  
Malevich                      Mayakovsky                      Lunacharsky                      Tatlin
22. When was the Union of Composers formed?  
1929                      1930                      1931                      1932
23. In what year did Stalin criticise the opera *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*?  
1932                      1934                      1936                      1938
24. Who wrote *How the Steel was Tempered*?  
Gladkov                      Ostrovsky                      Meyerhold                      Mayakovsky
25. Who wrote a play based on *How the Steel was Tempered*, but had it rejected?  
Gladkov                      Ostrovsky                      Meyerhold                      Mayakovsy
26. Who was the first president of the Soviet Writers Union?  
Pasternak                      Solzhenistyn                      Gorky                      Ostrokovsky

## Answers

1	Prokofiev	15	22
2	Socialist realism	16	1934
3	Komsomol	17	1936
4	OGPU	18	Medved
5	Kirov	19	Vyshinsky
6	Yagoda	20	Tatlin
7	1936	21	Malevich
8	Yezhov	22	1932
9	1938	23	1936
10	1934	24	Ostrovsky
11	Shostakovich	25	Meyerhold
12	Pasternak	26	Gorky
13	Tsaritsyn		
14	Ryutin		

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