HAPPY BIRTHDAY, [Nikita] KHRUSHCHEV

... INSTEAD OF MEMORIZING SPEECHES BY LENIN OR BREZHNEV AS MY
GENERATION DID, RUSSIAN FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLDS, LIKE THEIR WESTERN
COUNTERPARTS, NOW FILL IN THE BUBBLES ON MULTIPLE-CHOICE
QUESTIONS AND ARE GIVEN SUBJECTS FOR DEBATE.

A  HURTFUL  HUR(ToFU)L
B  ALBANIA  …AIN A BLA…, hidden rev.
C  POSTPONE  POPE’S NOT*
D  PRUNES  double definition
E  YEARNINGS  YEAR + NI + NG + S
F  BAWDIEST  BA(W + SIDE*)T
G  IDOLIZE  “IDLE EYES”
H  RUBBLE  BURBLE with western half flowing westward
I  TRADE-OFFS  “AID TROUGHS”, Spoonerism
J  HINTERLAND  HI(ANTLER*)&ND
K  DISORIENTS  DIRTINESS* around O
L  ABLEST  A + B(L)EST, &lit.
M  YTTERBIUM  Y(BITTER*)UM
N  KEENNESS  KEy + E(N)NESS, SENSE*, &lit.
O  HONEYCOMB  BMOC + YE + NOH, rev.
P  REJOINER  RE(JOy + I)NDER
Q  UNFREEZE  …UN… + “FRIEZE”
R  SQUINTING  SQUIRTING with N for R
S  HEGEMONIC  H + EG + dEMONIC
T  CELTS  initial letters, &lit.
U  HOWEVER  HO(WE’VE)Rror
V  ECONOMICS  SCI + MONOCIE, rev.
W  VERSATILE  IT’S A LEVER*

Acrostic by Arsinoë: Annotated Solution