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**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE**

**Russian**

**Advanced**

**PAPER 2: Written response to works and translation**

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**Text Booklet for Question 1**

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## Question 1

**New Year is usually considered to be the most significant holiday in Russia. Traditionally, on 31st December every year, relatives and friends are invited for a very important celebratory dinner. Russians prepare lots of special dishes, for example, the famous ‘Olivier’ salad, and there is always champagne and vodka for toasts.**

**People give each other gifts, and children receive theirs from Grandfather Frost. Families often watch old Soviet films together. At midnight, people gather to watch the celebrations in Moscow and the President’s speech on television. Everyone says, “Happy New Year!”, but that is just the start of the party!**