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## **Instructions**

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **six** questions (1(a), (b), (c), and (d), 2(a) **OR** 2(b), 3(a) **OR** 3(b)).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  - there may be more space than you need.

# Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  - use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- Questions labelled with an asterisk (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
  - you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.

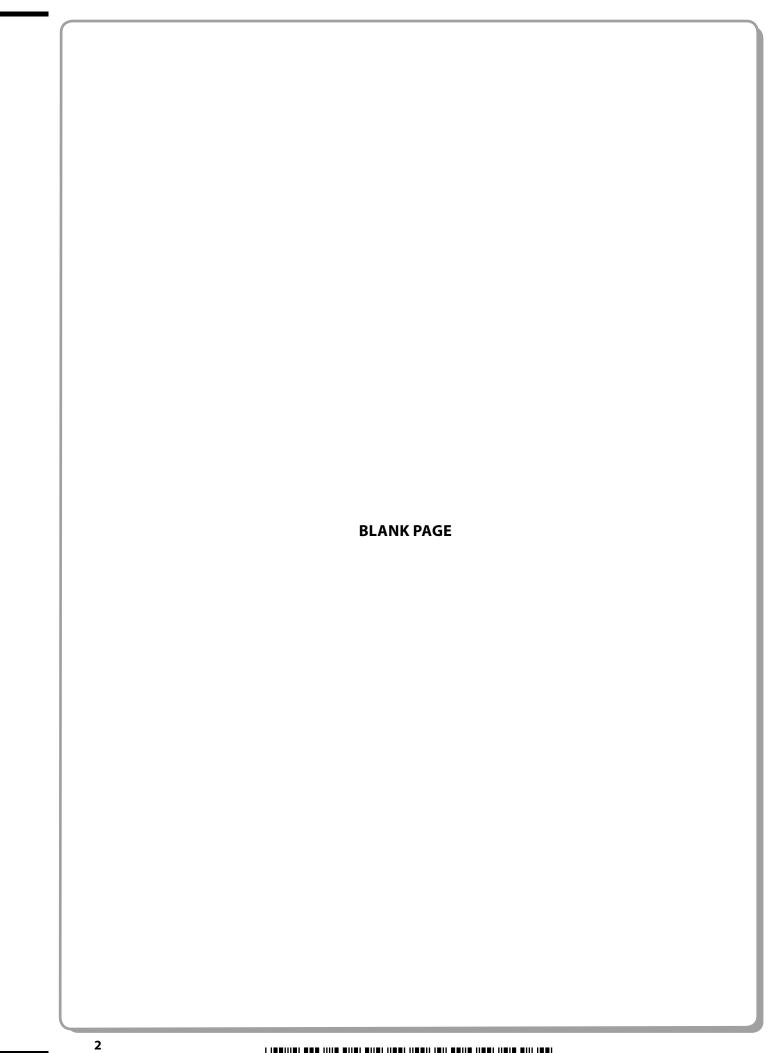
# **Advice**

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## Russia, 1917-39

Answer Questions 1(a) to (d), then Question 2(a) OR 2(b) and then Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

Question 1 – you must answer all parts of this question.

Study Source A.

**Source A**: From a history of the Twentieth Century, written in 2000.

The Provisional Government was weak and it did not provide the people with what they wanted. It was unable to take Russia out of the war, or bring about the necessary reforms. The changes it did make, like introducing freedom of speech, just made Russia harder to govern. The weakness of the Provisional Government meant that, even if it had wanted to, it could not make the major changes that many had hoped for.

(4)

(b) Describe the key features of Lenin's New Economic Policy.	(6)

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(c) Explain the effects of Stalin's policy of collectivisation on the Soviet Union.	(8)

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(d) Explain why Soviet industry expanded rapidly in the 1930s.	(8)

(Total	for Question 1 = 26 marks)
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Answer EITHER Question 2(a) OR 2(b).	
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2 (a) Explain how opposition to the Tsar grew in Russia in 1917.	8)
OR	
<b>2</b> (b) Explain how Stalin dealt with opposition to his rule in the Soviet Union in the 1930s.	8)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ⊠ in the box. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ₩ and then indicate your new question with a cross ⊠.	-
Chosen Question Number: Question 2(a) Question 2(b)	

(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)
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# Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

### **EITHER**

\*3 (a) Was Trotsky's leadership of the Red Army the main reason why the Bolsheviks won the Civil War? Explain your answer.

(16)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- Trotsky's leadership of the Red Army
- The weaknesses of the Whites
- The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- War Communism

## OR

\*3 (b) Was industrialisation the most important effect of Stalin's rule on the Soviet Union? Explain your answer.

(16)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- Industrialisation
- The purges of the 1930s
- The cult of Stalin
- Changes in working and living conditions

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)



# Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ⊠ in the box. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ₩ and then indicate your new question with a cross ⋈. Chosen Question Number: Question 3(a) Question 3(b)



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