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History A (The Making of the Modern World)
Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study
Option 2B: Russia, 1917–39

Wednesday 22 June 2011 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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, published in 2001.

In 1917 the Tsar was in command of Russia’s armed forces, even though he had no military experience. He believed it was his duty and that the army would fight better if he were leading it. This had two important consequences. First, Nicholas was blamed for the continued poor performance of the Russian army. Second, he was out of Petrograd and unable to respond quickly to the events of early 1917.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about Tsar Nicholas II?

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(b) Describe the key features of the Bolshevik Revolution in October 1917.

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(c) Explain the effects of the Kornilov Revolt on the Provisional Government in September 1917.

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(d) Explain why Trotsky was exiled from the Soviet Union in 1929.

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(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 2(a) OR 2(b).

EITHER

2 (a) Explain how Stalin brought about changes in agriculture in the Soviet Union in the years 1928–34. (8)

OR

2 (b) Explain how Stalin dealt with the ethnic minorities 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)**

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(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)



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Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

EITHER

***3** (a) Was opposition from the Whites the most serious problem facing the Bolsheviks in the period from November 1917 to April 1921? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- Opposition from the Whites
- Opposition to War Communism
- The First World War
- The Kronstadt Mutiny

OR

***3** (b) Was the use of the secret police the main reason why people in the Soviet Union supported Stalin's rule in the 1930s? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- The use of the secret police
- The purges
- The cult of Stalin
- Stalin's industrial policies

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)



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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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