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

Wednesday 20 June 2012 – 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 modern world, published in 2000.

Stalin introduced education reforms. Schools were told which textbooks to use, formal examinations were reintroduced and Communist ideology became a compulsory subject. By the end of the 1930s there was an emphasis on traditional values, including compulsory pigtails for girls. Higher education focused on technical and scientific learning to meet the needs of the Five-Year Plans.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about the Soviet Union in the 1930s?

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(b) Describe the key features of the 1936 Constitution.

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(c) Explain the effects in 1917 of the Provisional Government's decision to keep Russia in the First World War.

(8)

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(d) Explain why reforms affecting the position of women in Russia were introduced in the years 1928–39.

(8)

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(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)



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

EITHER

2 (a) Explain how the Tsar's own mistakes led to his downfall in 1917. (8)

OR

2 (b) Explain how Stalin established himself as leader of the Soviet Union in the years 1924–29. (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)



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

EITHER

***3** (a) Was the New Economic Policy the main reason why the Bolsheviks were able to maintain themselves in power in the years 1918–24? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- The New Economic Policy
- The work of Trotsky
- The early Bolshevik decrees
- War Communism

OR

***3** (b) Did collectivisation have the greatest impact on life in the Soviet Union in the 1930s? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- Collectivisation
- Industrialisation
- The purges
- The cult of Stalin

(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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