



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2009

History

HIS1H

Unit 1H Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917

Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1H.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

- 1 (a) Explain why Alexander II decided on a policy of reform in Russia. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful were Alexander II's reforms in modernising Russia before his death in 1881? *(24 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain why Nicholas II's regime survived in Russia between October 1905 and the meeting of the First Duma in 1906. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was the tsarist regime in restoring stability to Russia between April/May 1906 and the outbreak of war in 1914? *(24 marks)*
- 3 (a) In what ways was military failure important in the collapse of the tsarist government in February/March 1917? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was the role of Lenin in bringing about the collapse of the Provisional Government in October/November 1917? *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS