



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1K

Unit 1K Russia and Germany, 1871–1914

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 HIS1K.
- 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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1** (a) Explain why the SPD (German Socialist Party) grew in strength between 1875 and 1890. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was Bismarck in dealing with internal opposition in the years 1871 to 1890? *(24 marks)*
- 2** (a) Explain why Alexander III decided on a policy of repression. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was the Tsarist regime in achieving economic prosperity in the years 1894 to 1914? *(24 marks)*
- 3** (a) Explain why Germany intervened in the Bosnian Crisis of 1908. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important were developments in the Balkans in shaping Russia's relations with Germany between 1909 and 1914? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**