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History

HIS2E

Unit 2E The Reign of Peter the Great of Russia, 1682–1725

Thursday 10 June 2010 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS2E.
- Answer **two** questions
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Adapted from a speech by Peter the Great to some Russian gentlemen

I know that the preference that I give to foreigners is not pleasing to all my subjects. But some of my subjects are intelligent and observe that I treat foreigners well and try to get them to stay so that my subjects can learn from them and adopt their sciences and arts, for the good of Russia. I also have foolish and wicked subjects who do not
 5 appreciate my good intentions and wish to remain in their ignorance. In their stupidity they despise anything good which is new to them and would willingly hinder it if only they could. They do not reflect on what it was like in our country before I travelled in foreign lands and invited foreigners to Russia, and how little I would have achieved without their aid against our powerful foreign enemies.

Source B The year 1697 started a pilgrimage of Russians to the West, which continued throughout Peter's reign. Many Russians went abroad and often lived there for long periods, either to study at the Tsar's command, or in the course of state service, or simply by personal choice. Immediately after the Tsar's first journey abroad, Russian
 5 society was swept with the desire to become acquainted with Western life. Peter, who had first sent young people abroad with the sole aim of securing expert seamen, eventually came to understand the cultural importance of direct contact with Western European life.

Adapted from N P PAVLOV-SIL'VANSKII, *Popular Reactions to Reform*, 1897

Source C Peter's 'Great Embassy' to Western Europe had stirred within him a desire to seek Russia's modernisation and transformation. Thus, once he returned to Moscow, he at once sought to impose western manners on his subjects. The process of Westernisation gathered pace during the first years of the new century. In 1700 Peter
 5 commenced hostilities against Sweden. As it turned out Russia was seriously unprepared for the war which followed. A basic lack of resources, combined with poor military provision and administrative disorganisation made Russia an easy target for invasion. In order to meet the Swedish challenge, Peter was forced to increase the speed of modernisation.

Adapted from M RADY, *Russia, Poland and the Ukraine 1462–1725*, 1990

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Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Russian attitudes to contact with the West. (12 marks)

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Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far were Peter's Westernisation policies driven by the needs of war? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

0	3	Explain why the Streltsy rebelled in 1698.	<i>(12 marks)</i>
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0	4	‘Peter the Great faced little serious opposition to his rule after 1698.’ Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.	<i>(24 marks)</i>
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OR**Question 3**

0	5	Explain why Peter the Great introduced the Table of Ranks in 1722.	<i>(12 marks)</i>
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0	6	‘The nobility benefited from Peter the Great’s domestic reforms.’ Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.	<i>(24 marks)</i>
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