



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1H

Unit 1H Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917

Thursday 13 January 2011 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 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.
- 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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**Question 1**

**0 1** Explain why Alexander II slowed the pace of reform from the mid-1860s. (12 marks)

**0 2** How successful was the tsarist regime in overcoming opposition in the years 1863 to 1894? (24 marks)

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**0 3** Explain why, in the years 1906 to 1911, Stolypin attempted to reform agriculture. (12 marks)

**0 4** How successful was the tsarist regime in overcoming the economic backwardness of Russia in the years 1881 to 1914? (24 marks)

**Question 3**

**0 5** Explain why Nicholas II was forced to abdicate in February/March 1917. (12 marks)

**0 6** How far was popular dissatisfaction with the Provisional Government responsible for its overthrow in October/November 1917? (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**