

General Certificate of Education  
SPECIMEN PAPER  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**HISTORY**  
**Unit 1**  
**Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917**

**HIS1H**

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**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.
- 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

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**1**

- (a) Explain why Alexander II emancipated the serfs. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was Alexander II in overcoming opposition to his regime? *(24 marks)*

**2**

- (a) Explain why Russian governments promoted economic development in the years 1881 to 1904. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was the work of Vyshnegradsky and Witte in the development of the Russian economy in the years 1881 to 1904? *(24 marks)*

**3**

- (a) Explain why revolution broke out in Russia in 1905. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important were government concessions in enabling the tsarist regime to survive in the years 1905 and 1914? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**