

General Certificate of Education  
SPECIMEN PAPER  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**HISTORY**  
**Unit 1**  
**Russia and Germany, 1871–1914**

**HIS1K**

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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 HIS1K.
- 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 Bismarck carried out the *Kulturkampf* in the 1870s. (12 marks)
- (b) How successful was Bismarck in maintaining his political control in Germany in the years 1878 to 1890? (24 marks)

**2**

- (a) Why did Alexander III encourage economic development in Russia? (12 marks)
- (b) How successful were Tsarist governments in promoting economic change and modernisation in the years 1894 to 1914? (24 marks)

**3**

- (a) Why did Russia enter into an alliance with France in 1894? (12 marks)
- (b) How important was the alliance system in explaining why Germany declared war on Russia in 1914? (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**