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History

HIS2E

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

Thursday 20 January 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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.

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 A document written by Peter the Great in 1723, encouraging the development of factories

It is true that there are too few who are willing to participate. Our people are like children, who out of ignorance, will never get down to learning unless the teacher forces them to do so. At first they find it tedious, but when they learn their lesson they are grateful. It is the same with manufacturing: it is not enough to make
5 proposals. This may happen in countries where there is already a firm tradition, but here an enterprise is sometimes set up but remains unfinished. It is necessary both to compel and to provide aid in the form of manuals, machines and other items and thus be a good ruler.

Source B Peter's goal was to create a class of Russian entrepreneurs. By tradition Russian noblemen looked down on any involvement in trade and industry and were determined not to invest in commercial enterprises. Peter employed a combination of persuasion and force, preaching the dignity and usefulness of commerce and
5 making trade and industry an honourable form of state service. But Peter was not always sure what he wanted. When his attention wandered or he was distracted, those below him, uncertain as to his desires, did nothing and all activity stopped. His constant changes in direction and his detailed regulations which left no room for local adjustment, confused and drained initiative from Russian merchants and
10 manufacturers.

Adapted from R MASSIE, *Peter the Great*, 1982

Source C The effect of Peter's reforms was to strengthen and confirm the divisions of Russian society into Tsar, noble and serf. The preservation of the Russian social order had an adverse effect on Peter's economic plans. Russia lacked a large ambitious middle class equipped with money and skill. There was no free labour market and
5 no free migration from country to town, since the entire labour force was bound in serfdom. The middle class made up barely 3% of the population and had no social prestige.

Adapted from D MALAND, *Europe in the Seventeenth Century*, 1983

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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 bringing about industrialisation in Russia. (12 marks)

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

How important were Peter the Great's policies in explaining the limited growth of Russia's economy by 1725? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

0 3 Explain why Russia was politically unstable during the 1680s. *(12 marks)*

0 4 'Peter the Great's reforms of government succeeded in increasing the power of the tsar by 1725.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR**Question 3**

0 5 Explain why Peter the Great went to war with the Turks in 1695. *(12 marks)*

0 6 'Peter the Great had achieved his foreign policy aims by 1721.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

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