
A-level HISTORY

Russia in the Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1682–1796

Paper 1E

Specimen 2014

Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **1E**.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the other questions answered.
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Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

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Extract B

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Extract C

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to opposition to Peter the Great.

[30 marks]

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2

To what extent, in the years 1725 to 1762, were the nobility able to re-assert the independence they had lost under Peter the Great?

[25 marks]**0 3**

‘Catherine the Great was an Enlightened Despot.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 4**

‘It was Catherine the Great who fulfilled Peter the Great’s foreign policy ambitions for Russia.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT-HOLDERS AND PUBLISHERS**

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