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**Edexcel GCSE**

**History A (The Making of the Modern World)**  
**Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study**  
**Option 2B: Russia, 1917–39**

Tuesday 25 January 2011 – Afternoon  
**Time: 1 hour 15 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5HA02/2B**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **six** questions (1(a), (b), (c), and (d), 2(a) **OR** 2(b), 3(a) **OR** 3(b)).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed  
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Russia, 1917–39**

**Answer Questions 1(a) to (d), then Question 2(a) OR 2(b) and then Question 3(a) OR 3(b).**

**Question 1 – you must answer all parts of this question.**

Study Source A.

**Source A:** From a history of Russia, published in 2009.

Stalin's propaganda stressed the equality of the republics of the Soviet Union. Posters and photos often showed him with people from these regions in their national dress. Until the early 1930s, the state gave support to local languages. But during enforced collectivisation, the greatest opposition came from the regions, which were heavily purged. From 1932, Stalin saw support for the regional identity of the ethnic minorities as anti-communist.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about Stalin's attitude towards the ethnic minorities in the Soviet Union?

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(b) Describe the role of Trotsky in helping the Bolsheviks seize power in 1917.

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(c) Explain the effects of Lenin's return to Russia in April 1917.

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(d) Explain why Lenin agreed to the terms of the Treaty of Brest Litovsk.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)**





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**(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)**



**Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).**

**EITHER**

**\*3** (a) Was War Communism the main reason why the Bolsheviks were able to maintain themselves in power in the years 1919–24? Explain your answer.

**(16)**

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- War Communism
- Weaknesses of the Whites
- The Kronstadt Mutiny
- The New Economic Policy

**OR**

**\*3** (b) Was collectivisation Stalin's most successful policy in modernising the Soviet Union? Explain your answer.

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You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- Collectivisation
- Industrialisation
- Education
- Rights for women

**(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)**





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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**



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