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

Monday 23 January 2012 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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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 dictionary of modern history, published in 1962.

In October 1917 Lenin led the rising that overthrew the Provisional Government. He introduced communist economic policies, but they were not successful. So he brought in the New Economic Policy, which had measures which went against communist thinking. He died in 1924 and five days later Petrograd was renamed Leningrad in his honour.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about Lenin?

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(b) Describe the key features of the opposition to Stalin's policy of collectivisation.

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(c) Explain the effects of the civil war on the people of Russia in the years 1918–22.

(8)

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(d) Explain why the Provisional Government was overthrown in October 1917.

(8)

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(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)



(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)



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

EITHER

***3** (a) Was the poor standard of living of the Russian people the main reason why the Tsar was overthrown in February 1917? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- The poor standard of living of the Russian people
- Demonstrations and strikes in Petrograd
- Russia's failures in the First World War
- The weaknesses of Nicholas II

OR

***3** (b) Was the use of propaganda the main reason why Stalin was able to maintain control in Russia? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- The use of propaganda
- The 1936 Constitution
- Removing political opposition
- New opportunities for women and children

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)



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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



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