

**Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations**  
**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

**HISTORY B (MODERN WORLD)**

**1937/12**

**PAPER 1 (CORE CONTENT WITH RUSSIA, 1905-1941)**

**Specimen Paper 2003**

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet.

**TIME** 2 hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- This paper consists of three sections.
  - In **Section A**, answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.
  - In **Section B**, answer any **one** question.
  - In **Section C**, answer **Question 7** and **one** other question.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.
- Write the numbers of the questions answered in the box provided on the answer booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **75**.
- *You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in part (c) of the following questions: Section B questions 3, 4, 5 and 6; Section C questions 8 and 9.*

Some of the questions require you to use Sources. Where this is the case, you will need to use your knowledge of the topic to interpret and evaluate the Sources. When you are asked to use specific Sources you must do so, but you can also use any of the other Sources within the question if they are relevant.

### Section A

You should spend about 15 minutes on this section.

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

- 1 Study the Source carefully, and then answer the questions which follow.

#### SOURCE A



Hitler: 'There's some mistake. It was your small brother I sent for.'

*A cartoon from a British newspaper, 6 September 1939, three days after Britain and France declared war on Germany. It shows Hitler speaking to Mars, the great god of war.*

- (a) Study **Source A**.

Explain the message of this cartoon. Support your answer by referring to details of the cartoon and your knowledge.

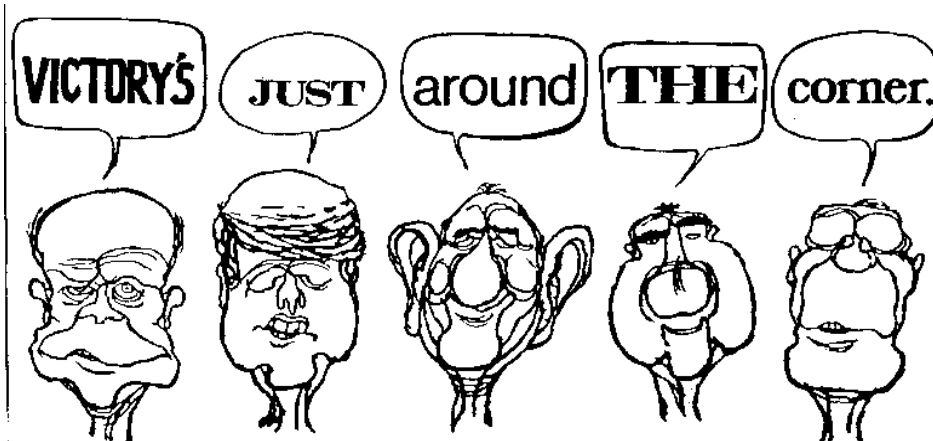
[6]

- (b) Explain why Germany invaded Poland in 1939.

[9]

- 2 Study the Source carefully, and then answer the questions which follow.

**SOURCE B**



*A cartoon, published in 1975, showing the five US presidents involved in the Vietnam War.*

- (a) Study **Source B**.

Explain the message of this cartoon. Support your answer by referring to details of the cartoon and your knowledge.

[6]

- (b) Explain why the USA became involved in Vietnam.

[9]

## Section B

You should spend about 35 minutes on this section.

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

- 3 (a) In what ways did the Treaty of Versailles try to ensure future international peace? [4]
- (b) Explain what Wilson hoped to achieve at the Paris Peace Conference. [6]
- (c) How far was Clemenceau satisfied with the Treaty of Versailles?  
Explain your answer. [10]
- 4 (a) What were the main aims of the League of Nations? [4]
- (b) Explain why some major nations were not members of the League when it was first set up. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important reason why the League was weak in the 1920s was its lack of an army.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 5 (a) What was agreed at the Potsdam Conference, 1945? [4]
- (b) Explain why the USA introduced the Marshall Plan. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important cause of the Cold War was the suspicion and rivalry between Truman and Stalin.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 6 (a) What happened during the 'Prague Spring' of 1968? [4]
- (b) Explain why the USSR got involved in Czechoslovakia in 1968. [6]
- (c) 'The **most** important reason for the collapse of Soviet control in Eastern Europe in 1989 were the effects of 'Solidarity' in Poland.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]

**Section C: Depth Study**  
**Russia, 1905-1941**

You should spend about 70 minutes on this section.

**Answer Question 7 and ONE other question.**

- 7 Study the Sources carefully, and then answer the questions which follow.

**SOURCE A**



*A photograph showing workers in a St. Petersburg dormitory in 1900.*

**SOURCE B**

Again that cursed question of shortage of artillery and rifle ammunition stands in the way of an energetic advance. If we should have three days of serious fighting we might run out of ammunition altogether. Without new rifles, it is impossible to fill up the gaps.

*A private letter from Tsar Nicholas to his wife Alexandra, July 1915, two months before he took personal control of the Russian army*

**SOURCE C**



The caption reads: 'THE RUSSIAN TSARS AT HOME.'

*A Russian cartoon showing Nicholas II, Alexandra and Rasputin.*

**7 (a) Study Source A.**

Explain why some people in Russia opposed the Tsar in 1905.

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

**[7]**

**(b) Study Source B.**

How far does this Source explain why the Russian army was defeated in the First World War?

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

**[7]**

**(c) Study Source C.**

Do you think this cartoon was published by supporters or opponents of Rasputin?

Use the Source and your knowledge to explain your answer.

**[6]**

Choose **ONE** of the following two questions. You must answer **ALL** parts of the question which you choose.

- 8 (a) What were the main weaknesses of the Provisional Government in 1917? [4]
- (b) Explain the problems faced by the Bolsheviks when they came to power in November 1917. [6]
- (c) 'The Bolsheviks were able to gain complete control over Russia by the end of 1921 **only** because of the Red Army.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [10]
- 9 (a) What was collectivisation? [4]
- (b) Explain why Stalin introduced the Five Year Plans. [6]
- (c) Stalin made changes both in industry and agriculture. Which were the more important - the industrial or the agricultural changes? Explain your answer. [10]

