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**GCSE**

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**HISTORY (ROUTE A)**

**UNIT 1/UNIT 2: Russia in transition, 1914-1924**

A.M. TUESDAY, 7 June 2011

1 hour

Questions answered	Office use
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Use supplementary sheets when there is insufficient room in this booklet. Write your name at the top of each supplementary sheet, indicating clearly the number of the question you answer. Put the supplementary sheets inside this booklet.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers that involve extended writing. These are questions 1(d) and 2(d) or 3(d).

**SECTION A**  
**COMPULSORY**

**1. This question is an enquiry into the Revolutions of 1917.**

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Study the sources below and then answer the questions which follow each source.

**Source A**



[This photograph shows Russians queuing for bread in early 1917]

*(a)* What does Source A show you about conditions in Russia in early 1917?

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**Source B**

The First World War played an important part in the fall of the Tsar. Russia's terrible defeats, and the enormous loss of life among her soldiers, were blamed on the Tsar. The workers were tired of the shortages and angry at the huge price rises that threatened them with starvation.

[From a school history textbook written in 1997]

- (b) Use the information in Source B and your own knowledge to explain why there was growing opposition to the rule of the Tsar by 1917. [4]

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Source C



[A Communist propaganda painting made in the 1930s. It shows Lenin making a speech to supporters on his arrival at the Finland railway station in Petrograd in April 1917]

(c) How far does Source C support the view that Lenin played a key part in the Bolshevik Revolution? [5]

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**Source D**

The Provisional Government has no real force at its disposal. Its orders are carried out only if it is permitted by the Soviet of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies. The Petrograd Soviet has in its hands the real power – the army, the railways, the postal and telegraph services.

[A letter from Guchkov, Minister of War in the Provisional Government, to General Alekseyev, sent on 22 March 1917. Alekseyev was an advisor to the Provisional Government and was very critical of the Soviets.]

(d) How useful is Source D to an historian studying the weakness of the Provisional Government? [6]

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These two sources show different views of the storming of the Winter Palace in October 1917.

**Source E**



[A scene from Sergei Eisenstein’s film *October* which shows a re-enactment of the Bolsheviks storming the Winter Palace. The film was made in the Soviet Union in 1927 and was approved by the Communist government]

**Source F**

The Provisional Government had shrunk to a meeting of ministers in the Winter Palace. It was not overthrown by a mass attack on the Winter Palace. A few Red Guards climbed in through the servants’ entrance, found the Provisional Government in a meeting and arrested the ministers in the name of the people. Six people, five of them Red Guards, were casualties of bad shooting by their own comrades.

[A.J.P. Taylor, a British historian, writing in his book *Revolutions and Revolutionaries*, which was published in 1980]

- (e) Why do Sources E and F have different views about the storming of the Winter Palace in October 1917? [8]  
[In your answer you should refer to both the content of the sources and to the authors]

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**SECTION B**

*Answer either Question 2 or Question 3*

**2. This question is about the causes and impact of the Civil War.**

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Study the map below and then answer the questions which follow.



[A map showing the land lost by Russia under the terms of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in 1918]

(a) What does this map show you about Russia's treatment under the terms of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk? [2]

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*(b)* Describe the part played by foreign powers in the Civil War.

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(c) (i) Explain why the Russian royal family was killed in July 1918.

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(ii) Explain why Lenin introduced the policy of War Communism.

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(d) Was the leadership of Trotsky the main reason for the Bolshevik victory in the Civil War?  
Explain your answer fully.

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*You should give a two-sided answer to this question:*

- discuss the leadership of Trotsky;*
- discuss other factors which contributed to the victory of the Bolsheviks over the White forces;*

*and give a judgement on the question set.*

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3. This question is about the development of the Communist state, 1921-1924.

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Study the picture below and then answer the questions which follow.



[A Communist poster of 1923 celebrating the spread of electricity across Russia.]

(a) What does this poster show you about Lenin's attempts to modernise Russia?

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(b) Describe how life for women changed under Communist rule.

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(c) (i) Explain why the New Economic Policy was introduced. [4]

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(ii) Explain why propaganda and censorship were used by the Communists. [4]

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