

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 1H Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/1H Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/1H**.

Part one: Autocracy, Reform and Revolution, Russia, 1855-1917

Section one: Trying to preserve autocracy, 1855-1894

- Political authority and attempts at reform: Alexander II; emancipation of the serfs and attempts at domestic and military reform
- Economic and social developments: industrial developments and the land issue; social divisions; nobles, landowners and position of the peasantry; the cultural influence of the Church

Section two: The collapse of autocracy, 1894-1917

- Political authority, government and Tsar; Nicholas II as ruler: political developments to 1914; 1905 Revolution; Duma government
- Opposition: ideas and ideologies, liberalism, socialism; Marxism; individuals and radical groups
- Political authority, opposition and the state of Russia in wartime: the political, economic and social problems of wartime; opposition and the collapse of autocracy; the political developments of 1917

Part two: the Soviet Union, 1917-1964

Section three: The emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917-1941

- Economic developments: Lenin's decrees; the Stalinist economy; collectivisation and the Five Year Plans
- Opposition: faction; the Red Terror and the purges
- The political, economic and social condition of the Soviet Union by 1941

Section four: The Stalinist dictatorship and reaction, 1941-1964

- Political authority, opposition and the state of Russia in wartime: the political, economic and social impact of war; effect on Stalin, government and 'the people'
- Political authority and government to 1953: High Stalinism; the revival of terror; destruction of 'supposed' opposition and cult of personality; the power vacuum on Stalin's death
- Political authority and government: Khrushchev's rise to power; policies and ideology; de-Stalinisation; political and party change
- Economic and social developments: changes in industrial organisation from Stalin to Khrushchev; agriculture and the Virgin Lands scheme; social and cultural change from Stalin to Khrushchev
- Opposition: cultural dissidents; communist divisions; hardliners and reformers; opponents of Khrushchev and his fall from power

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