

# 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), 2N Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953**

### Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2N Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953**.
- 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.

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## Focus of the June 2022 exam

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This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2N**.

### **Part one: The Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin, 1917-1929**

#### **Section one: Dissent and Revolution, 1917**

- The February/March revolution of 1917: causes and course of revolution; issues of leadership and the Tsar's abdication; the establishment of Provisional Government and the Petrograd Soviet; the workings of the Dual authority
- Developments between the revolutions including: the return of Lenin; Lenin's ideology and the April Theses; the July Days; the Kornilov coup and the roles of both the Provisional Government and Trotsky; Lenin and the Central Committee of the Bolshevik Party

#### **Section two: Bolshevik consolidation, 1918-1924**

- N/A

#### **Section three: Stalin's rise to power, 1924-1929**

- The power vacuum and power struggle: ideology and the nature of leadership; Lenin's testament; divisions and contenders for power: character, strengths and weaknesses of Stalin, Trotsky, Bukharin, Kamenev, Rykov, Tomsky and Zinoviev
- Ideological debates and issues in the leadership struggle: NEP and industrialisation; 'permanent revolution' versus 'Socialism in One Country'; how and why Stalin became party leader and the outcome for the other contenders

### **Part two: Stalin's Rule, 1929-1953**

#### **Section four: Economy and society, 1929-1941**

- Agricultural and social developments in the countryside: voluntary and forced collectivisation; state farms; mechanisation; the impact of collectivisation on the kulaks and other peasants; the famine of 1932–1934; the success of collectivisation
- Industrial and social developments in towns and cities: Gosplan; the organisation, aims and results of the first three Five Year Plans; new industrial centres and projects; the involvement of foreign companies; the working and living conditions of managers, workers and women; Stakhanovites; the success of the Five Year Plans

#### **Section five: Stalinism, politics and control, 1929-1941**

N/A

#### **Section six: The Great Patriotic War and Stalin's Dictatorship, 1941-1953**

- The defeat of the Germans: reasons and results; post-war reconstruction; industry and agriculture

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- The transformation of the Soviet Union's international position: the emergence of a 'superpower'; the formation of a soviet bloc; conflict with USA and the capitalist West; death of Stalin and Stalin's legacy at home and abroad

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