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# A-level HISTORY

## Russia in the Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1682–1796

Paper 1E

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

2 hours 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **1E**.
- Answer **three** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 60 minutes on Question 01
    - 45 minutes on each of the other questions answered.
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**Section A**

Answer Question 01

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**Extract A**

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to why Catherine the Great did not reform the social structure of Russia.

**[30 marks]**

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**Section B**Answer **two** questions

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To what extent had Peter the Great succeeded in creating a 'Service State' by 1725?

**[25 marks]****0 3**

'Peter the Great was a lucky rather than a skilful military leader.'

Assess the validity of this view with reference to the years 1695 to 1725.

**[25 marks]****0 4**

'Political instability between 1725 and 1772 showed the limits to the absolutism of the Russian tsars.'

Assess the validity of this view.

**[25 marks]****END OF QUESTIONS**

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