



A-level HISTORY

Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964

Paper 1H

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 **1H**.
- 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

Extract A

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Extract B

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Extract C

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the impact of Stalinism on people's lives in Russia by 1941.

[30 marks]

Section BAnswer **two** questions

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‘Alexander II left the tsarist autocracy in a weaker position at the time of his death than it had been on his accession to the throne.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 3**

‘The Marxist political parties opposing Nicholas II’s regime posed more of a threat to its existence by 1914 than they had on his accession in 1894.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 4**

‘The Soviet regime’s desire to create socialism in the USSR led to a social revolution between 1917 and 1941.’

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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