



# **AS HISTORY**

**Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953**

**Component 2N The Russian Revolution and the  
Rise of Stalin, 1917–1929**

**7041/2N**

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**

## **MATERIALS**

**For this paper you must have:**

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Use black ink or black ball-point pen.**
- **Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The PAPER REFERENCE is 7041/2N.**
- **Answer TWO questions.**  
**In SECTION A answer Question 01.**  
**In SECTION B answer EITHER Question 02 OR Question 03.**

## **INFORMATION**

- **The marks for questions are shown in brackets.**
- **The maximum mark for this paper is 50.**
- **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:**
  - **50 minutes on Section A**
  - **40 minutes on Section B.**

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**SECTION A**

**Answer Question 01.**

**SOURCE A**

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**With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining why Stalin won the power struggle after Lenin's death? [25 marks]**

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**SECTION B**

**Answer EITHER Question 02 OR Question 03.**

**EITHER**

**02**

**‘It was the weaknesses and failures of the Provisional Government established in March 1917 that led to its collapse in October/November 1917.’**

**Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.  
[25 marks]**

**OR**

**03**

**‘The Kronstadt rising was the most important reason why Lenin adopted the New Economic Policy in March 1921.’**

**Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.  
[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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