

A-level HISTORY

Component 2N Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

Friday 9 June 2023

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-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 7042/2N.
- 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:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From 'I Chose Freedom' by Viktor Kravchenko, 1946. Kravchenko was a Red Army captain during the Great Patriotic War but defected to the USA in 1944.

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Source B

From a post-war letter sent to her cousin, the writer Boris Pasternak, by Olga Freidenberg. Freidenberg was a Jewish university professor who worked as a nurse in Leningrad in wartime.

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Source C

From secret telegrams sent to Stalin by Beria, the People's Commissar for Internal Affairs and Chief of Soviet security (NKVD), 1944.

29 February: This is to report the results of the resettlement operation of the Chechens and Ingush. The resettlement began on 23 February in the majority of districts with the exception of high mountain areas. 177 special trains have been loaded of which 159 have already been sent to the new place of settlement. Today special trains departed carrying former leaders and religious authorities.

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10 May: Taking into account the treacherous activities of the Crimean Tatars against the Soviet people and the undesirability of the further habitation of the Crimean Tatars in border zones of the USSR, the NKVD presents for your consideration a draft resolution on the resettlement of all Tatars from the Crimea. We consider it expedient to resettle the Crimean Tatars as special settlers in regions of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, to be used for agricultural work and also in industry and transport. The resettlement operation will begin on 20/21 May and be completed by 1 July.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, assess the value of these three sources to an historian studying the impact of the Great Patriotic War on the Soviet people.

[30 marks]**Turn over for Section B**

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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How significant was Lenin's leadership in bringing about the October/November 1917 revolution in Russia?

[25 marks]**0 3**

'In the years 1918 to 1924 Communist Russia was completely isolated in Europe.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]**0 4**

How extensively did Stalinism change Soviet society and culture in the 1930s?

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

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