



**A-level**

**HISTORY**

**Component 2N**

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

**7042/2N**

**Friday 9 June 2023**

**Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 2 hours 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 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.**

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## **SECTION A**

**Answer Question 01.**

## **SOURCE A**

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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 Inguish. 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 15**  
**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 20**  
**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 25**  
**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]**

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**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]**

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

**Assess the validity of this view.  
[25 marks]**

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**How extensively did Stalinism change Soviet society and culture in the 1930s?  
[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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