



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
January 2011

History

HIS1H

Unit 1H Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917

Thursday 13 January 2011 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1H.
- Answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
 - refer to relevant historical information
 - show an understanding of change and continuity
 - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

Answer **two** questions.

Question 1

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 Explain why Alexander II slowed the pace of reform from the mid-1860s. (12 marks)
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 How successful was the tsarist regime in overcoming opposition in the years 1863 to 1894? (24 marks)

Question 2

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 Explain why, in the years 1906 to 1911, Stolypin attempted to reform agriculture. (12 marks)
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 How successful was the tsarist regime in overcoming the economic backwardness of Russia in the years 1881 to 1914? (24 marks)

Question 3

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 Explain why Nicholas II was forced to abdicate in February/March 1917. (12 marks)
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 How far was popular dissatisfaction with the Provisional Government responsible for its overthrow in October/November 1917? (24 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS