



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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# History

# HIS1H

Unit 1H Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917

**Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards**

**This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book**

**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.

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Answer **two** questions.

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**Question 1**

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 Explain why many Russians were dissatisfied with the decree emancipating the serfs in 1861. (12 marks)
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 How important was the backwardness of agriculture in contributing to weaknesses in the Russian economy in the years 1881 to 1914? (24 marks)

**Question 2**

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 Explain why Nicholas II issued the October Manifesto in 1905. (12 marks)
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 How important were the Dumas in contributing to stable government in Russia in the years 1906 to 1914? (24 marks)

**Question 3**

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 Explain why Russians were increasingly dissatisfied with Nicholas II's wartime leadership in the years 1915 to 1917. (12 marks)
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 How far were the weaknesses of the Provisional Government responsible for the Revolution of October/November 1917? (24 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**