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History

HIS2E

Unit 2E The Reign of Peter the Great of Russia, 1682–1725

Tuesday 22 May 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS2E.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

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.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

Source A, an extract from *A Memorandum on the Needs of the State*, addressed to Peter the Great's successor, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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Source B

Source B, an extract from S M Soloviev's *Peter's Reforms: A Blueprint for the Future*, published in 1879, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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Source C

There can be no simple assessment of Peter's reforms. His administrative reforms were not fundamentally radical. Although he borrowed ideas from the West, he also maintained part of the old Russian system. His economic policies produced spectacular industrial advances, but he did nothing to prevent the development of an unbalanced economic structure. Peter's reign had little lasting impact on the class structure; the emancipation of the nobility was only temporarily interrupted and the enslavement of the serfs continued. As far as the Church was concerned, the period can be seen as a turning point, for it was Peter who ended its independence.

Adapted from S J LEE, *Aspects of European History 1494–1789*, 1984

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Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Peter the Great's rule. (12 marks)

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Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was Russia changed during the reign of Peter the Great? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

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 Explain why Peter the Great undertook the Pruth campaign in 1711. *(12 marks)*

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 'Peter the Great failed to gain access to the Black Sea for Russia because of his own mistakes.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR**Question 3**

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 Explain why, in 1698, Peter the Great ordered the abolition of the Streltsy regiments. *(12 marks)*

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 'The most serious opposition to the rule of Peter the Great after 1698 came from Tsarevich Alexis.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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Question 1 Source A: L HUGHES, *Russia in the Age of Peter the Great*, Yale University Press, 1998

Question 1 Source C: S J LEE, *Aspects of European History 1494–1789*, (page 212), Routledge, 1984

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