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History A (The Making of the Modern World)
Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study
Option 2B: Russia, 1914–39

Wednesday 14 June 2017 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

5HA02/2B

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **six** questions (1(a), (b), (c) and (d), 2(a) **OR** 2(b), 3(a) **OR** 3(b)).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 54.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Russia, 1914–39

Answer Questions 1(a) to (d), then Question 2(a) OR 2(b) and then Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

Question 1 – you must answer all parts of this question.

Study Source A.

Source A: From a history of the modern world, published in 2001.

The most important message given to the Soviet people was that Stalin was the greatest genius of all. The Soviet people were taught that Stalin was all-powerful and all-knowing. They came to look upon him as a god. There was a flood of propaganda in favour of Stalin. There was never a single word of criticism. This created a kind of hero worship known as the cult of personality.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about the Soviet Union under Stalin?

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(b) Describe the key features of the work of the secret police under Stalin.

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(c) Explain the effects of the Stakhanovite movement.

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(d) Explain why Stalin had become leader of the Soviet Union by 1928.

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(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 2(a) OR 2(b).

EITHER

- 2 (a) Explain how Russia changed in the period from the signing of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (March 1918) to the death of Lenin (January 1924). (8)

OR

- 2 (b) Explain how life for agricultural workers changed under Stalin in the years 1928–39. (8)

Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number: **Question 2(a)** **Question 2(b)**

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(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)



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Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in this question.

EITHER

- *3 (a) Was the influence of Rasputin the greatest problem faced by Russia in the years 1914–16?

Explain your answer.

(16)

You may use the following in your answer.

- The influence of Rasputin
- Discontent amongst peasants and town workers

You **must** also include information of your own.

OR

- *3 (b) Was the role of Trotsky the main reason for the Bolshevik success in the October 1917 revolution?

Explain your answer.

(16)

You may use the following in your answer.

- The role of Trotsky
- The role of Lenin

You **must** also include information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

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