

AS HISTORY

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

Component 2N The Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin, 1917–1929

Monday 20 May 2019

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2N.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech launching the NEP, given by Lenin at the 10th Communist Party Congress, 15 March 1921.

The Civil War of 1918–20 greatly increased the devastation of the country, delayed the restoration of its productive forces, and bled the proletariat more than any other class. To this was added the failure of the harvest of 1920, the fodder shortage and the dying of cattle, which still further held back the restoration of transport and industry. We are still in a state of ruin. We cannot give the peasant all the manufactured goods that are required. 5
Knowing this, we are introducing a tax in kind. Our poverty and ruin are so great we cannot hope to restore large-scale factory state socialist production at one stroke. Hence it is necessary to help restore small industry.

Source B

From 'The Truth about Kronstadt', published in the Socialist Revolutionary newspaper, 'Volia Rossii', March 1921, with proceeds going to Kronstadt refugees. It reproduces material from the rebels' newspaper, 'Kronstadt Izvestia'.

After carrying out the October Revolution, the working class had hoped to achieve its freedom. But the result has been an even greater enslavement of humans. The Bolsheviks have weakened the workers, forcing them to think in the Communist way. With the help of state-run trade unions, they bound the workers to their benches, so that labour has become, not joy but a new form of slavery. The Bolsheviks have answered the 5
protests of the peasants, expressed in spontaneous uprisings, and those of the workers, whose living conditions have driven them out on strike, with mass executions. The people have risen, convinced that the ideas of socialism have been betrayed.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining why the NEP was introduced in 1921?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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 'Bolshevik authority was firmly established in Russia between the October/November revolution and the end of December 1917.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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 'The main reason why Stalin launched a programme of collectivisation in 1929 was to make Soviet agriculture more efficient.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

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