



AS HISTORY

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

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

Tuesday 23 May 2023

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 comments made to his colleague and supporter, Smirnov, by Trotsky in 1924. Trotsky recorded what he had said in his biography of Stalin, written in exile, 1938–40.

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Source B

From the memoirs of a Swiss communist, Jules Humbert-Droz, 1971. Humbert-Droz was a close friend of Nikolai Bukharin, whom he visited in February 1929.

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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 Stalin won the power struggle after Lenin's death?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'It was the weaknesses and failures of the Provisional Government established in March 1917 that led to its collapse in October/November 1917.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The Kronstadt rising was the most important reason why Lenin adopted the New Economic Policy in March 1921.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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