

AS HISTORY

Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964

Component 1H Autocracy, Reform and Revolution: Russia, 1855–1917

Wednesday 16 May 2018 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 7041/1H.
- 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 AAnswer Question 01.

Extract A

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Extract B

Evidence of mass dissatisfaction with the policies of the 1860s and 1870s seems not to have been as great as it ought to have been. The Empire was certainly experiencing change, but although there was a sense of grievance, peasants and workers rarely shared, or even understood, the objectives of propagandists. Most tended to adhere to monarchist ideals and their major concerns were economic, not political. The Populists found little support among the peasants. The most interesting thing about disquiet in the countryside in the 1870s, was not its widespread presence, but the fact that peasants looked to the Tsar for relief. They were no more interested in revolutionary answers to their problems than those in the towns.

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Adapted from David Saunders, *Russia in the Age of Reaction and Reform, 1801–1881*, 1992

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of support for opposition in Russia in the 1870s?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

0 2 'In the years 1894 to 1914, the Russian economy became strong and well-developed.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

0 3 'The effect of the First World War on Russia was the key factor in the Bolsheviks' path to power in the years 1903 to 1917.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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