

AS HISTORY

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

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

Monday 20 May 2024

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 AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech to the Moscow Soviet by Lenin, 6 March 1920. This was subsequently published in the party magazine, 'Communist International'.

Comrades, a year has passed since the founding of Comintern. During this year it has been successful beyond all expectations. In Western Europe, revolution is developing slowly but we can be sure it will come. All workers can see that another war like the last is inevitable if the imperialists and the bourgeoisie remain in power.

The Western capitalists do not know what to say. They began by declaring that the Bolsheviks were violators of all the laws of God and man; they would not talk or make peace with us. Then they started to say they might trade with us but would not recognise us. Such confusion only adds to the strength of the Communist movement.

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Source B

From articles published in official government newspapers by Trotsky, summer 1922. Trotsky summarises his response to questions posed by foreign journalists.

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Source B is from articles written by Trotsky in 1922. The source explains Russia's relationship with the West; Trotsky highlights the differing attitudes between Russia and the West, using the Genoa conference as an example. Trotsky writes that Russia intends to wait, correctly predicting that foreign countries will come to recognise Communist Russia.

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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 Russia's relationship with the West in the years 1920 to 1922?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The revolution in Russia in February/March 1917 was more the result of economic problems than the failings of Tsar Nicholas II.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The main reason why Stalin made the 'Great Turn' was to win the power struggle.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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