

AS HISTORY

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

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

Tuesday 22 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 7041/2N.
- 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 report of Major-General Globachev, Chief of the Petrograd Okhranka, to the Ministry of Internal Affairs on events in the capital, 26 February 1917.

Spontaneous disorders have broken out in the capital, today. During the disorders the rioting crowds in general behaved extremely provocatively towards the troops. In response to requests to disperse, they threw stones and lumps of snow from the street. Only when live rounds were fired into their midst was it possible to disperse the mobs. Most of the participants, however, merely took refuge in the courtyards of the nearest buildings, only to re-emerge once the shooting had stopped. The dead on Znamenskaya Square included two people in soldiers' uniform, who were taken away by the crowd. This circumstance suggests that in all probability those killed were not soldiers, but demonstrators who had put on the uniforms of lower ranking soldiers.

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Source B

From 'The History of the Russian Revolution' by Leon Trotsky, 1930. This was written following Trotsky's exile (on Stalin's orders) from the USSR in 1929.

Lawyers and journalists belonging to the classes damaged by the revolution subsequently tried to prove that what happened in February was essentially a women's protest, backed up afterwards by a soldiers' mutiny. They have always tried to declare the revolution which overthrew them, a mutiny, a revolt of the rabble. It was the peasants and the workers who made the Russian revolution. To the question, 'who led the February revolution?' we can answer definitely enough: conscious and determined workers educated, for the most part, by the party of Lenin. This leadership proved sufficient to guarantee the victory of the uprising, but it was not adequate to transfer the leadership of the revolution immediately into the hands of the proletariat.

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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 the disorder in Petrograd in February 1917?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'Red victory in the Civil War was due to the weaknesses of the Bolsheviks' opponents.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'It was because his opponents significantly underestimated him that Stalin was able to win the power struggle in the years 1924 to 1929.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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