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**History A (The Making of the Modern World)**  
**Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study**  
**Option 2B: Russia, 1917–39**

Friday 23 May 2014 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 15 minutes**

Paper Reference

**5HA02/2B**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **six** questions (1(a), (b), (c) and (d), 2(a) **OR** 2(b), 3(a) **OR** 3(b)).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 57.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Russia, 1917–39**

**Answer Questions 1(a) to (d), then Question 2(a) OR 2(b) and then Question 3(a) OR 3(b).**

**Question 1 – you must answer all parts of this question.**

Study Source A.

**Source A:** From a history of the modern world, published in 2000.

Stalin purged so many scientists and engineers that it affected industrial expansion. Also, many of those sent to labour camps had been thinkers, politicians and administrators. This left a huge gap in the government. In addition, about two thirds of the Red Army had been purged.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about Stalin's purges in the Soviet Union?

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(b) Describe the key features of the Kornilov Revolt (1917).

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(c) Explain the effects on Russia of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (1918).

(8)

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(d) Explain why there was a change of government in Russia in October 1917.

(8)

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**(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)**



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**Answer EITHER Question 2(a) OR 2(b).**

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in this question.**

**EITHER**

2 (a) Explain how the attitude of many Russian people towards the Tsar changed in early 1917. (8)

**OR**

2 (b) Explain how the way Russia was controlled changed from the introduction of the Bolshevik decrees (1917) to the end of War Communism (1921). (8)

**Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross . If you change your mind, put a line through the box  and then indicate your new question with a cross .**

Chosen Question Number:    **Question 2(a)**                   **Question 2(b)**

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**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 3 marks)**  
**(Total for Question 2 = 11 marks)**



**Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).**

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in this question.**

**EITHER**

**\*3** (a) Were the mistakes of Stalin's rivals the main reason why Stalin took control of the Soviet Union in the years 1924–28? Explain your answer.

**(16)**

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- The mistakes of Stalin's rivals
- Stalin's strengths
- Stalin's removal of his opponents
- Stalin's use of the cult of Lenin

**OR**

**\*3** (b) Was collectivisation the most important reason why the Soviet economy developed in the years 1928–39? Explain your answer.

**(16)**

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- Collectivisation
- Gosplan
- The Five-Year Plans
- Stakhanovites

**(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)**

**(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)**



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number: **Question 3(a)**  **Question 3(b)**

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