

AS HISTORY

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

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

Monday 18 May 2020 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 a speech given by Lenin, on his return to Petrograd, to a sailors' guard of honour at the railway station, April 1917.

Comrade sailors, I greet you without knowing as yet whether or not you have been convinced by all the promises of the Provisional Government. But I am sure that when they talk to you sweetly, when they promise you a lot, they are deceiving you and the whole Russian people. The people need peace; the people need bread; the people need land. What the government gives you is war, hunger, no bread and leaves the landlords still on the land. The Russian revolution accomplished by you has opened a new era. Sailors, comrades, you must fight for the social revolution, fight to the end, until the complete victory of the proletariat. Long live the world-wide social revolution!

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Source B

From an article, 'Our differences', written by Kamenev and published in the Bolshevik newspaper, Pravda, April 1917.

In yesterday's issue of Pravda, Comrade Lenin published his 'theses'. These represent the personal opinion of Comrade Lenin. By publishing these 'theses', Comrade Lenin has submitted his understanding of current events to the judgement of others. As regards Comrade Lenin's general argument, it appears to those of us Bolsheviks working in Petrograd, unacceptable. It derives from the assumption that the bourgeois-democratic revolution has been completed and that there should be an immediate transformation of this revolution into a socialist revolution. The tactics that follow from such a belief are very different from the tactics which we have followed so far. We must ensure that the Social Democrats remain the party of the revolutionary masses and must not be swayed by propagandists.

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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 significance of Lenin's return to Russia in April 1917?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'It was the weaknesses of their opponents that enabled the Bolsheviks to preserve and consolidate their power in Russia between the October/November 1917 revolution and March 1918.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Stalin's support for 'Socialism in One Country' was the main reason for his rise to power in the years 1924 to 1929.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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