

Write your name here	
Surname	Other names
Centre Number	Candidate Number
Edexcel GCSE	
History A (The Making of the Modern World) Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study Option 2B: Russia, 1917–39	
Monday 21 June 2010 – Afternoon 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 50.
- 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
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

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.

N37052A

©2010 Edexcel Limited.
1/1/1/c1/



Turn over ►

edexcel 
advancing learning, changing lives

BLANK PAGE



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’s achievements were constantly praised. Part of Stalin’s approach was to use the ‘cult of personality’. The Soviet people were taught that Stalin was an all-powerful and all-knowing leader. He was the father figure who ruled with all their interests at heart. His image was everywhere – in posters, statues and books. There was even a set of eight recordings made of his speeches.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about Stalin’s rule of the Soviet Union?

(4)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....



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

(6)

A large rectangular area with rounded corners, containing multiple horizontal dotted lines for writing.



Blank lined writing area with horizontal dotted lines.



Blank lined writing area with horizontal dotted lines.



7
Turn over ▶

Handwriting practice area with 26 horizontal dotted lines.

(Total for Question 1 = 26 marks)



Handwriting practice area with 25 horizontal dotted lines.

(Total for Question 2 = 8 marks)



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

EITHER

***3** (a) Was the opposition of peasants and town workers the main reason why the Tsar was forced to abdicate in 1917? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- Opposition of peasants and town workers
- Russia's poor performance in the First World War
- The weaknesses of Tsar Nicholas II
- The events in Petrograd in January and February 1917

OR

***3** (b) Was the inefficiency of Soviet industry the greatest problem Stalin had to face in the years 1924–39? Explain your answer.

(16)

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

- The inefficiency of Soviet industry
- Opposition from Trotsky
- The Kulaks
- Harsh living and working conditions in towns

(Total for Question 3 = 16 marks)



Handwriting practice area with 20 horizontal dotted lines.



Blank lined area for writing.

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS



BLANK PAGE

Every effort has been made to contact the copyright holders where possible. In some cases, every effort to contact copyright holders has been unsuccessful and Edexcel will be happy to rectify any omissions of acknowledgement at the first opportunity.

