



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## History

## HIS1H

Unit 1H Tsarist Russia, 1855–1917

Tuesday 13 January 2009 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 15 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS1H.
- Answer **two** questions.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- There are 36 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period. In particular you should:
  - refer to relevant historical information
  - show an understanding of change and continuity
  - show a knowledge of historical interpretations.

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Answer **two** questions.

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- 1 (a) Explain why Alexander II decided on a policy of reform in Russia. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful were Alexander II's reforms in modernising Russia before his death in 1881? *(24 marks)*
- 2 (a) Explain why Nicholas II's regime survived in Russia between October 1905 and the meeting of the First Duma in 1906. *(12 marks)*
- (b) How successful was the tsarist regime in restoring stability to Russia between April/May 1906 and the outbreak of war in 1914? *(24 marks)*
- 3 (a) In what ways was military failure important in the collapse of the tsarist government in February/March 1917? *(12 marks)*
- (b) How important was the role of Lenin in bringing about the collapse of the Provisional Government in October/November 1917? *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**