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## History

## HIS2E

Unit 2E The Reign of Peter the Great of Russia, 1682–1725

Thursday 19 May 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

**For this paper you must have:**

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

**Time allowed**

- 1 hour 30 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 HIS2E.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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### Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A** Peter the Great, reflecting at the end of his reign on the defeat at the Battle of Narva in 1700

Our army was defeated by the Swedes. But one should remember what sort of army it was. The two regiments of Guards had never seen any field fighting, especially with regular troops. The other regiments consisted of raw recruits, both officers and soldiers. One cannot be surprised that against such an old, disciplined army, these  
5 untried pupils got the worst of it. The Swedish victory was a sad and severe blow to us. But now we credit it to the goodness of God; for if we had conquered them then, when we knew so little of war, this might have had unfortunate consequences. That we lived through this disaster forced us to be industrious and gain experience.

### Source B

**Source B**, a passage by S Lee about the battle of Narva, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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### Source C

**Source C**, a passage by L Hughes on Peter's successes in war, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to the Battle of Narva in 1700. (12 marks)

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Use **Sources A**, **B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was Russia's success at the Battle of Poltava in 1709 due to lessons learned at the Battle of Narva? (24 marks)

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**EITHER****Question 2**

**0 3** Explain why Peter the Great went on the Great Embassy in 1697. *(12 marks)*

**0 4** 'Peter the Great's westernising reforms increased divisions in Russian society.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**OR****Question 3**

**0 5** Explain why there was limited opposition to Peter the Great's religious reforms. *(12 marks)*

**0 6** 'The main way Peter the Great improved education in Russia was through his reform of the Church.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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Question 1 Source C: L HUGHES, *Russia in the Age of Peter the Great*, Yale University Press, 1998.

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