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 54.
- 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 on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Russia, 1914–39

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.


Following an attempt to assassinate Lenin, the ‘Red Terror’ was introduced. The Cheka arrested anyone suspected of being an opponent of the Communist Party, especially members of the middle and upper classes. The Cheka may have murdered as many as 750,000 people during the Russian Civil War. The Tsar, his wife, children and servants were also shot by the Red Army soldiers.

(a) What can you learn from Source A about the Bolshevik rule in Russia? (4)
(b) Describe the key features of Stalin’s show trials.
(c) Explain the effects of Lenin’s New Economic Policy in the years 1921–24.
(d) Explain why Tsar Nicholas II was overthrown in February 1917.
Answer EITHER Question 2(a) OR 2(b).

EITHER

2  (a) Explain how Stalin's position as leader of the Soviet Union changed in the years 1924–28.  

(8)

OR

2  (b) Explain how conditions for industrial workers in the Soviet Union changed in the years 1928–39.  

(8)

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 2(a)  
Question 2(b)
Answer EITHER Question 3(a) OR 3(b).

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

EITHER

*3 (a) Was the failure to take Russia out of the First World War the main reason why the Provisional Government was overthrown?

Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

- The failure to take Russia out of the First World War
- The Kornilov Revolt (1917)

You must also include information of your own.

(16)

OR

*3 (b) Was the removal of the kulaks the most important feature of Stalin's agricultural policy?

Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

- The removal of the kulaks
- New machinery

You must also include information of your own.

(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)** □