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.
- You must answer two questions on the option for which you have been prepared.
- There are two sections in this question paper. Answer one question from Section A and one question from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
SECTION A

Choose EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2 for which you have been prepared.

You must start your answer on page 3.

Option 2C.1: France in revolution, 1774–99

Study Sources 1 and 2 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

1 How far could the historian make use of Sources 1 and 2 together to investigate the seriousness of the financial problems facing the French monarchy in the years before 1789?

   Explain your answer, using both sources, the information given about them and your own knowledge of the historical context.

   (Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

Option 2C.2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924

Study Sources 3 and 4 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

2 How far could the historian make use of Sources 3 and 4 together to investigate the reasons for the introduction of the New Economic Policy in 1921?

   Explain your answer, using both sources, the information given about them and your own knowledge of the historical context.

   (Total for Question 2 = 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 1 ✗  Question 2 ❌
SECTION B

Answer ONE question in Section B on the option for which you have been prepared.

You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.

Option 2C.1: France in revolution, 1774–99

EITHER

3 ‘The Terror had successfully strengthened the Republic by the beginning of 1795.’

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 How significant was the domestic impact of war in bringing about the fall of the Directory in 1799?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

Option 2C.2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924

EITHER

5 ‘The Tsarist government was transformed in the years 1906–14.’

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

OR

6 ‘The fall of the Provisional Government in 1917 owed more to its domestic policies than to its decision to stay in the war.’

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total for Question 6 = 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 ☐  Question 4 ☐  Question 5 ☐  Question 6 ☐
Sources for use with Section A.

Answer the question in Section A on the option for which you have been prepared.

Option 2C.1: France in revolution, 1774–99

Sources for use with Question 1.

Source 1: From Arthur Young, *Travels During The Years 1787, 1788 and 1790*, published 1792. Young was an English writer on agriculture and economics who travelled widely across France in the 1780s. Here, Young describes a dinner party he attended in Paris in October 1787.

I dined today with a group of people who agreed on one opinion – that they are on the eve of some great revolution in government. The group considered that everything points to it – the confused state of the nation’s finances, with a deficit that is impossible to tackle without the Estates-General of the kingdom assembling.

Yet the conversation did not turn to what would be the consequence of such a meeting of the Estates-General or whether an existing or former minister possessed the decisive talents to offer the prospect of real remedies. There was no discussion either about the King who lacks the mental resources to govern in such a situation without ministers or about a royal court which, devoted to pleasure and indulgence, was adding to the country’s political and financial problems. Nothing was also said about the great disquiet amongst all ranks of men, who are eager for some change, without knowing what to look, or hope, for. Nor was the strong desire for liberty, increasing every hour since the American Revolution, mentioned.

Altogether, these things form a combination of circumstances that promise to cause an upheaval unless some talented and courageous leader takes the helm to guide events, instead of being driven by them. It is very remarkable that no conversation about the consequences of a meeting of the Estates-General occurred. However bankruptcy was a much discussed topic.
Source 2: From a Royal Edict issued by the French King on 16 August 1788. The Edict suspended payments made by the royal treasury.

His Majesty has not despaired of the nation's fortune. He has considered that, if the nation's distress is great, its resources are even greater. Nothing is threatened except by anxiety and fear. Since the crisis should become less serious as the meeting of the Estates-General approaches, there is a need for provisional arrangements which should be followed by a complete recovery.

These arrangements must be such that, until the meeting of the Estates-General and even throughout the year 1789, all payments are guaranteed, and the undertakings most affecting the public credit are safeguarded from all alarm and disquiet.

This is what His Majesty wishes to achieve in ordering that a part of the payments made by the royal cashier will not be made in paper money, since His Majesty is aware of its inconvenience and risks. Payments will be made in certificates of the royal treasury. These certificates will carry interest at five per cent and, when circumstances allow His Majesty to raise a loan, these will be accepted for payment just as readily as money.
It was not a surprise to me when Lenin declared his New Economic Policy. Of course, a man of such determination would never have given the signal for ‘economic retreat’, which meant in plain words a retreat from Communism, until he was compelled to. There were already signs enough that the development of the country was going completely against his theory. This retreat came with the victory in war over the Whites and their allies. Until then, Soviet Russia was like a besieged city and could only have a hand-to-mouth policy in economics as in anything else. But directly they had won their war, the Communists had to recognise the complete economic breakdown caused by the total application of their theory. This fact was recognised very sincerely by the Commissar for Industry, Rykov, in a report to a Congress of National Economic Councils in Moscow in January 1920.

Though the system had been applied during a civil war, this was, and was meant to be, not merely War Communism, such as is appropriate to a besieged city, but instead pure Communism. Its failure was self-evident.

So far, comrades, we have handled things very, very badly in this economic area, as we must frankly admit. We must recognise this shortcoming in policy and not try to cover it up. We must do everything possible to eliminate it and understand that the foundation of our New Economic Policy lies in the alliance of the working class and the peasantry. There are only two ways in which proper relations between the working class and the peasants can be established in future. If large scale industry is flourishing, it can immediately supply the small peasants with a sufficient amount of goods, or more than previously. In these circumstances, a proper relationship can then be established between manufactured goods and the supply of surplus agricultural goods coming from the peasants. Then, the peasants, including the non-Party peasants, will acknowledge, by virtue of this experience, that this new system is better than the capitalist system. We speak of a flourishing large-scale industry, which is able to supply all the goods the peasants are in urgent need of, and this possibility now exists.