

## AS HISTORY

Russia in the Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1682–1796  
Component 1E Peter the Great and Russia, 1682–1725

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Wednesday 15 May 2019    Afternoon    Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/1E.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- 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:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Extract A**

The Miloslavskys harnessed the Streltsy and the events of 1682 allowed Sophia to emerge as regent, with Ivan as senior Tsar and Peter as junior. There is little hard evidence that Sophia plotted to kill Peter. Even the crisis of August 1689, when Peter believed that the Streltsy were coming to kill him, may have been set up by Peter's supporters. They wanted to force a confrontation between Peter and Sophia which Peter, too wrapped up in his own interests, could not be relied upon to start. The 1690s saw a continuing struggle between the old and new, represented by the two ruling monarchs, Ivan and Peter. As long as Tsar Ivan was alive, the traditionalists retained a figurehead. 5

Adapted from L Hughes, *Russia in the Age of Peter the Great*, 1998

**Extract B**

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Adapted from M S Anderson, *Peter the Great*, 1995

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of the power struggle in Russia in the years 1682 to 1696?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

**0 2** 'Peter the Great was successful in transforming Russian industry by 1725.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

**0 3** 'There were no serious threats to Peter the Great's position as Tsar after 1707.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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