

A-level HISTORY

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

Tuesday 21 May 2019 Afternoon Time allowed: 2 hours 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 7042/1E.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- 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:
 - 60 minutes on Question 01
 - 45 minutes on each of the other questions answered.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

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Adapted from M Raeff, *Imperial Russia, 1682–1825*, 1971

Extract B

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Adapted from R E Jones, *Ideas in the Economic Thought and Policies of Catherine II*, 1997

Extract C

The expansion of empire brought gains to the Russian economy, in particular, the fertile black-earth lands of New Russia, which gave much better yields than those in Russia proper. But the cost of expansion was high. Overall, Russia's industrial capacity expanded in quantity, if not quality. The Russian economy continued to develop in the second half of the eighteenth century by expanding the potential of a serf-based economy under the direction of the central authorities. Profits remained in agriculture rather than being reinvested in industry. Ironically, it was the successes of Catherine's reign – when Russia experienced rapid territorial expansion, political stability and economic prosperity – that prevented her from doing more. Agriculture was the source of Russia's wealth. Peasant life was hard, but the population managed to feed itself. There was no demographic crisis and the Pugachev revolt was the last great popular outbreak until 1917. In short, the serf economy was producing the goods, marginal though they often were.

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Adapted from L Hughes, *The Romanovs*, 2009

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the development of the economy during the reign of Catherine II.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

0 2 How influential was the Great Embassy on Peter the Great's westernisation of Russia?
[25 marks]

0 3 How successful were Peter the Great's reforms of central and local government?
[25 marks]

0 4 'Russian foreign policy did not change in the years 1725 to 1762.'
Assess the validity of this view.
[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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