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Monday 13 January 2025									
Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)					Paper reference		WHI01/1B		
History									
International Advanced Subsidiary									
PAPER 1: Depth Study with Interpretations									
Option 1B: Russia in Revolution, 1881–1917									
You do not need any other materials.								Total Marks	

Instructions

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **TWO** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- 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.

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Answer TWO questions from the following.

You must start your answer to your first question on page 3.

You must start your answer to your second question on page 13.

EITHER

- 1** Historians differ in their judgements about Russia's economic development in the years 1891–1903.

'The most significant feature of Russia's economic development, in the years 1891–1903, was the growth of railways.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

OR

- 2** Historians have different explanations for the survival of Tsarist rule in the years 1903–14.

'In the years 1903–14, the use of repression rather than political reform was the main reason Tsarist rule survived.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** Historians differ in their judgements about the weakening of Romanov rule.

'In the years 1914–17, the role of the Empress Alexandra was more significant than the decisions made by Tsar Nicholas II in the weakening of Romanov rule.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

OR

- 4** Historians have different explanations for the Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917.

'The main reason why the Bolsheviks were able to seize power in October 1917 was the role of Lenin.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

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