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History
International Advanced Subsidiary
Paper 1B: Depth Study with Interpretations
Option 1B: Russia in Revolution, 1881–1917

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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 9.

EITHER

- 1** Historians differ in their judgements about the impact of Tsarist rule in the years 1881–1903.

‘Tsarist rule benefited the people of Russia in the years 1881–1903.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

OR

- 2** Historians have different explanations for why there was a revolution in Russia in 1905.

‘The impact of Russia’s defeat in the Russo-Japanese war was the main reason why there was a revolution in Russia in 1905.’

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 impact of the First World War on Romanov rule in the years 1914–17.

‘Romanov rule was damaged beyond repair by Russia’s involvement in the First World War in the years 1914–17.’

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 October 1917.

‘The impact of Lenin’s presence in Russia from April 1917 was the main reason why the Bolsheviks were able to seize power in October 1917.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

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