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

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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.
- 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 chosen question on the next page.

EITHER

- 1** Historians differ in their judgements about Sergei Witte's economic policies in the years 1891–1903.

'Sergei Witte's policies transformed the Russian economy in the years 1891–1903.'

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 1881–1903.

'Divisions among opposition groups were mainly responsible for the survival of Tsarist rule in the years 1881–1903.'

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 extent to which the Tsarist political system was reformed in the years 1903–14.

'The Tsarist political system remained essentially the same in the years 1903–14.'

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 Bolshevik seizure of power in October 1917 was primarily due to Trotsky's actions.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

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Chosen question number:

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

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[The live question paper will contain ten more pages of answer lines.]

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