



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

AS Level History A

Unit Y249

Russia 1894–1941

Sample Question Paper

Version 0.15

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



First name											
Last name											
Centre number							Candidate number				

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer either question 1 or question 2 in Section A, and question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Section A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

- 1*** Assess the reasons why the overthrow of the Tsar in March 1917 was followed by a second revolution in November 1917.

[30]

OR

- 2*** 'Stalin's leadership and political skills were the most important reasons why he was able to consolidate his power.' How far do you agree?

[30]

Section B

3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'Despite efforts at political reform, urban Russia on the brink of the First World War arguably found itself on the brink of a new revolution.'

From: O.Figes, *Revolutionary Russia* 1891–1991, 2014

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied.

[20]

Copyright Information:

Revolutionary Russia, 1891-1991: A Pelican Introduction, 978-0141043678, Pelican, 2014, p66. Reproduced with permission.

OCR is committed to seeking permission to reproduce all third-party content that it uses in the assessment materials. OCR has attempted to identify and contact all copyright holders whose work is used in this paper. To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced in the OCR Copyright Acknowledgements booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download from our public website (www.ocr.org.uk) after the live examination series.

If OCR has unwittingly failed to correctly acknowledge or clear any third-party content in this assessment material, OCR will be happy to correct its mistake at the earliest possible opportunity.

For queries or further information please contact the Copyright Team, First Floor, 9 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1GE.

OCR is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group; Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge