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**GCSE**

**HISTORY**

**UNIT 2: HISTORY WITH A EUROPEAN /  
WORLD FOCUS**

**2A. RUSSIA IN TRANSITION, 1905-1924**

**SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIALS**

**1 Hour**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

**Answer all questions on the examination paper.**

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

Question 5 will assess your ability to construct a balanced, reasoned and well substantiated extended response.

In addition, your answer to question 5 will assess your ability to spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately and use a wide range of specialist language as appropriate.

**QUESTION 1**

**This question is about the Civil War, 1918-1921.**

Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source A**

[A picture showing Trotsky addressing soldiers during the Civil War in Russia]

Use Source A and your own knowledge to outline the role of Trotsky during the Civil War. [6]

*[18 x answer lines]*

**QUESTION 2**

**This question is about Russia in the early twentieth century.**

Describe the role of Rasputin in Russia in the early twentieth century.

[8]

*[24 x answer lines]*

**QUESTION 3**

This question is about the New Economic Policy.

Study the source below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source B**

# **LENIN PLACES HOPE IN HIS NEW ECONOMIC POLICY**

**REVERSAL OF HIS THEORIES PLACES GREAT  
STRAIN ON COMMUNIST SUPPORTERS**

**CONTROL IS ONLY HELD BY PARTY DISCIPLINE**

**"I am safeguarding the workers from exploitation"  
says Bolshevik leader**

[A headline to an article written by Walter Duranty, an American journalist in Moscow, published in the *New York Times* (September 5<sup>th</sup> 1921)]

What was the purpose of Source B?

[8]

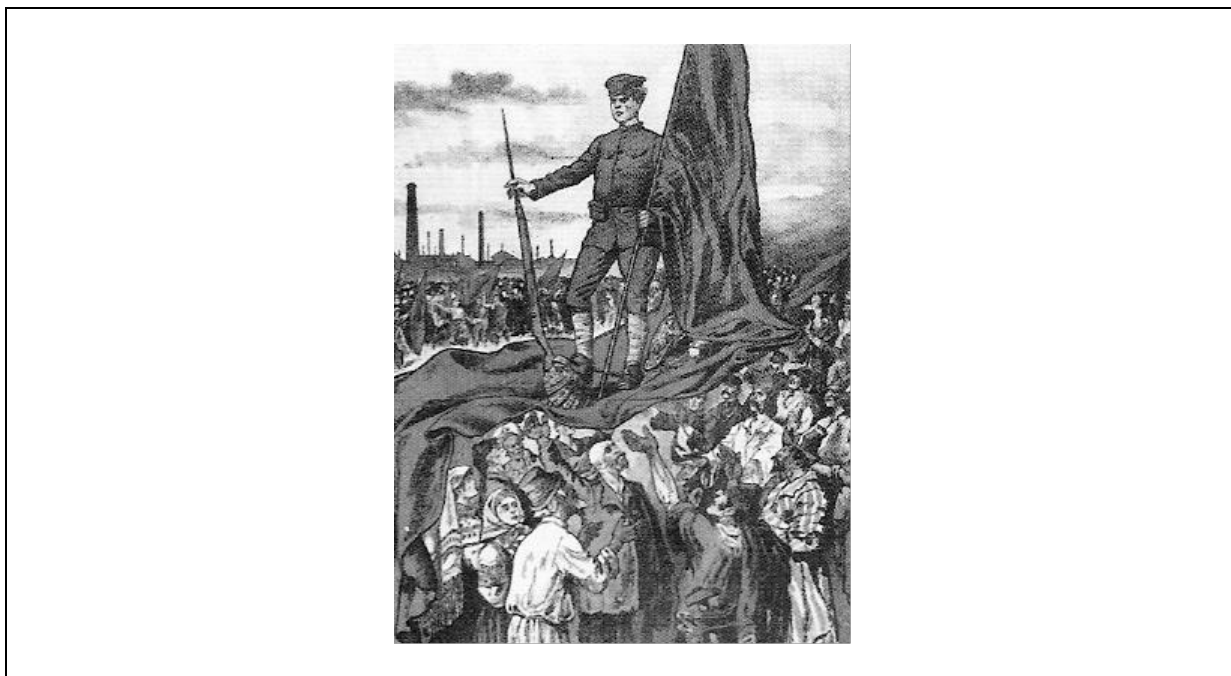
*[Use details from Source B and your own knowledge and understanding of the historical context to answer the question.]*

*[24 x answer lines]*

**QUESTION 4**

**This question is about events in Russia in 1917.**

Study the sources below and then answer the question which follows.

**Source C**

[A Communist poster showing Russian workers welcoming Red Guards in October 1917]

**Source D**

Throughout 1917, the Bolsheviks worked with great enthusiasm and commitment. They were among the masses, in the factories, every day and all the time. They became the party of the masses because they were always there, guiding the whole life of the factories and barracks. The masses were now completely in the hands of the Party of Lenin and Trotsky.

[From the memoirs of N. Sukhanov, a Bolshevik, writing in the 1930s]

Which of the sources is more useful to an historian studying events in Russia in 1917? [12]

*[You should refer to both sources in your answer and use your knowledge and understanding of the historical context.]*

*[36 x answer lines]*

**QUESTION 5**

**This question is about Russia in 1924, the year of Lenin's death.**

How far did Lenin succeed in creating a strong Communist state in Russia by the time of his death in 1924? [16]

*Use your own knowledge and understanding of the issue to support your answer.*

*Marks for spelling, punctuation and the accurate use of grammar and specialist language are allocated to this question.* [3]

*[48 x answer lines]*