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Advanced Subsidiary Paper 2: Depth study Option 2C.1: France in revolution, 1774–99 Option 2C.2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924

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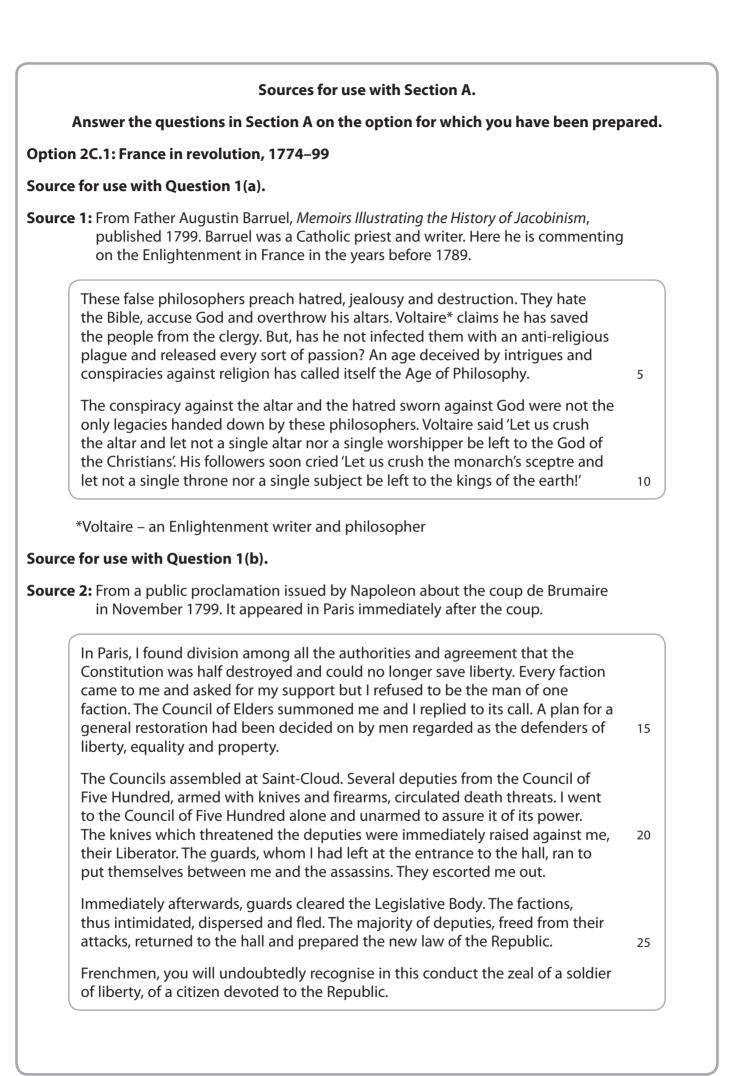






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Option 2C.2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924

Source for use with Question 2(a).

Source 3: From a report sent by a French diplomat based in Kharkov in the Ukraine to the French government, October 1905.

In Kharkov, work stopped everywhere: on the railways, factories, workshops, shops, the university, schools and offices. The whole population was on the streets, either as sightseers or demonstrators. People began to ransack military arms stores and smash the windows of large shops and the offices of conservative newspapers.

At the height of the troubles in late October students directed by lawyers, doctors and teachers and helped by workmen and Jews seized the district neighbouring the university and set up ten barricades. Rioters seized the law courts and threw legal documents into the streets. All the police could do was organise an ineffective demonstration with a portrait of the Tsar and the national flag, paying one rouble per person. The demonstration failed pitifully when faced with the students' revolvers – they tore the Tsar's portrait and the flags to shreds.

Source for use with Question 2(b).

Source 4: From a report by the Petrograd secret police on economic conditions in Petrograd, October 1916.

The economic condition of the masses is worse than terrible. Even if we estimate the rise in earnings at 100 per cent, the prices of products have risen, on average, 300 per cent. The impossibility of buying many food products and necessities, the time wasted standing idle in queues to receive goods, and the increase in disease due to malnutrition and unhealthy living conditions, have made the workers, as a whole, prepared to go to the wildest excesses of a hunger riot.

If grain continues to be hidden and in short supply, the very fact of its disappearance will be sufficient to provoke the greatest disorders in the capital and in the other most populated centres in the empire. The mood of anxiety, growing daily more intense, is spreading to ever-wider sections of the population. Never have we observed such nervousness as there is now. The slightest incident is enough to provoke the biggest fights. This is especially noticeable in districts with shops, stores, banks, and similar institutions, where 'misunderstandings' occur almost daily.

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