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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

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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
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Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
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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.

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EITHER

- 1** Historians differ in their judgements about economic change in Russia in the years 1881–1903.

‘In the years 1881–1903, there was limited economic change in Russia.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

OR

- 2** Historians differ in their judgements about the way Russia was governed in the years 1903–14.

‘In the years 1903–14, there was significant change in the way Russia was governed.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

- 3** Historians have different explanations for the end of Romanov rule in 1917.

‘Russia’s involvement in the First World War was the main reason why Romanov rule ended in 1917.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

OR

- 4** Historians differ in their judgements about Bolshevik rule in the period October–December 1917.

‘In the period October–December 1917, the main consequence of Bolshevik rule was the Decree on Land.’

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)



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