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**Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level**

**Thursday 18 January 2024**

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

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**WHI02/1C**

**History**

**International Advanced Subsidiary**

**PAPER 2: Breadth Study with Source Evaluation**

**Option 1C: Russia, 1917–91: From Lenin to Yeltsin**

**You must have:**

Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

### 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 **ALL** questions in Section A and **ONE** question in Section B.
- 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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**(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

**Answer ONE question in Section B.**

**You must start your answer to your chosen question on the next page.**

**EITHER**

- 2** How accurate is it to say that the aims of Stalin's Five-Year Plans changed considerably in the years 1928–53?

**(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)**

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**OR**

- 3** How accurate is it to say that attitudes towards the family in Russia under Brezhnev were very similar to attitudes towards the family in Russia under Khrushchev?

**(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)**

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**OR**

- 4** How accurate is it to say that the Soviet government failed to suppress the actions of dissidents in the years 1965–82?

**(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**



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## Sources for use with Section A.

**Source 1:** From Vladimir Lenin, *Declaration Of Rights Of The Working And Exploited People*, 3 January 1918. After Lenin dismissed the Constituent Assembly, this *Declaration* was adopted on 12 January 1918 by the All-Russian Congress of Workers' and Peasants' Deputies as the basis for the new constitution.

Russia is proclaimed a Republic of Soviets of Workers', Soldiers' and Peasants' Deputies. All power, centrally and locally, is entrusted to these Soviets.

It is the fundamental aim of the Republic

- to abolish all exploitation of man by man
- to eliminate the division of society into classes 5
- to destroy the resistance of the exploiters without mercy
- to establish a socialist organisation of society.

The Government therefore has decided:

1. Private ownership of land is abolished. All land is proclaimed the property of the entire working people. 10

2. The Soviet laws on workers' control are confirmed as the first step towards the nationalisation of the factories, mines, railways, and other means of production, to become the property of the workers' and peasants' state.

3. The conversion of all banks into the property of the workers' and peasants' state is confirmed as one of the conditions for the emancipation of the working people from the oppression of capital. 15

4. In order to abolish the exploitation of labour by the bourgeois classes, universal conscription of labour is introduced.



**Source 2:** From the Manifesto issued by the State Committee for the State of Emergency in the USSR, 18 August 1991. This Committee, led by the head of the KGB and seven other communist hardliners, was responsible for launching the attempted coup against Gorbachev on 19 August 1991. Here the Committee outlines its views on recent developments in the Soviet Union.

A grave danger threatens our great homeland! The reforms started by Mr Gorbachev are going nowhere. The initial enthusiasm and hopes have given way to disbelief, indifference, and despair. The authorities have lost the trust of the population. Political intrigue has replaced concern for the fate of the fatherland and the people. The country has become ungovernable. 20

Extreme nationalist groups have emerged and have begun a course of action aimed at the destruction of the Soviet Union. The results of the nationwide referendum\* on the unity of the Soviet Union have been destroyed. 25

The political crisis has had a catastrophic effect on the economy. The movement towards a market economy has been chaotic and uncontrolled. The unified national economy has been destroyed. The result is a sharp decline in the standard of living for the vast majority of Soviet people. Unless urgent measures are taken to stabilise the economy, hunger and greater poverty are inevitable. 30

The State Committee for the State of Emergency in the USSR is assuming responsibility for the fate of the homeland. It is determined to take very serious measures to bring the state and society out of crisis as quickly as possible. 35

\*nationwide referendum – a popular vote held in March 1991 that favoured maintaining the structure of the Soviet Union

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