

GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1 Section A/C: Russia, 1894-1945: Tsardom and communism

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretations A and B for use in answering Questions 01, 02 and 03



Interpretation A

Adapted from the memoirs of Alexander Kerensky, 'Russia and History's Turning Point', published in America, 1965.

Kerensky was a Russian lawyer and key figure in the Russian Revolution of February/March 1917. He became the leader of the newly formed Provisional Government. He left Russia during the Civil War.

The Tsarina's belief in Rasputin meant she asked him for advice not only on personal matters but also on politics. The Tsar's closest advisers tried to warn her about Rasputin but they were powerless to do anything. In the Tsar's absence, the Government was entirely under the control of the Tsarina and Rasputin. They only appointed people who wanted to stop any increase in the powers of the Duma.

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Interpretation B

Adapted from a biography about the Tsarina written by Countess Sophie Buxhoeveden published in England, 1928.

The Countess was the senior Lady-in-waiting to, and close friend of, the Tsarina. She was present at meetings where the Tsarina made government decisions.

Rasputin did not have much influence over the Tsarina and had no political power. He made the Romanovs unpopular. Rasputin was a small part of her life but as a great boaster he liked to give the impression that she relied on him for everything. In the four years that I lived at the Palace I could tell she found some comfort in the belief that Rasputin had healing powers. However, he was not the saint that the Tsarina thought he was.

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END OF INTERPRETATIONS

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Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you **must** ensure you have:

• An Interpretations Booklet (enclosed).

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all six questions.
- Do all rough work in this book.
 Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
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Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

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	Answer all six questions.	
	Read Interpretations A and B in the Interpretations Booklet.	
0 1	How does Interpretation B differ from Interpretation A about Rasputin?	
	Explain your answer based on what it says in Interpretations A and B .	[4 marks]



0 2	Why might the authors of Interpretations A and B have a different interpretation about Rasputin?	Do not write outside the box
	Explain your answer using Interpretations A and B and your contextual knowledge.	
	[4 marks]	

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Explain your answer based on your contextual knowledge and what it says in Interpretations A and B. [8 marks]	Which interpretation gives the more convincing opinion about Rasputin?
[8 marks]	Explain your answer based on your contextual knowledge and what it says in Interpretations A and B .
	[8 marks]



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0 5 In what ways were the lives of people in the USSR affected by the Second World War? Explain your answer. [8 marks]

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0 6	Which of the following saw more change as a result of Lenin's policies:		Do not write outside the box
	the way Russia was ruled and controlledthe economy of Russia?		
	Explain your answer with reference to both bullet points.	[12 marks]	

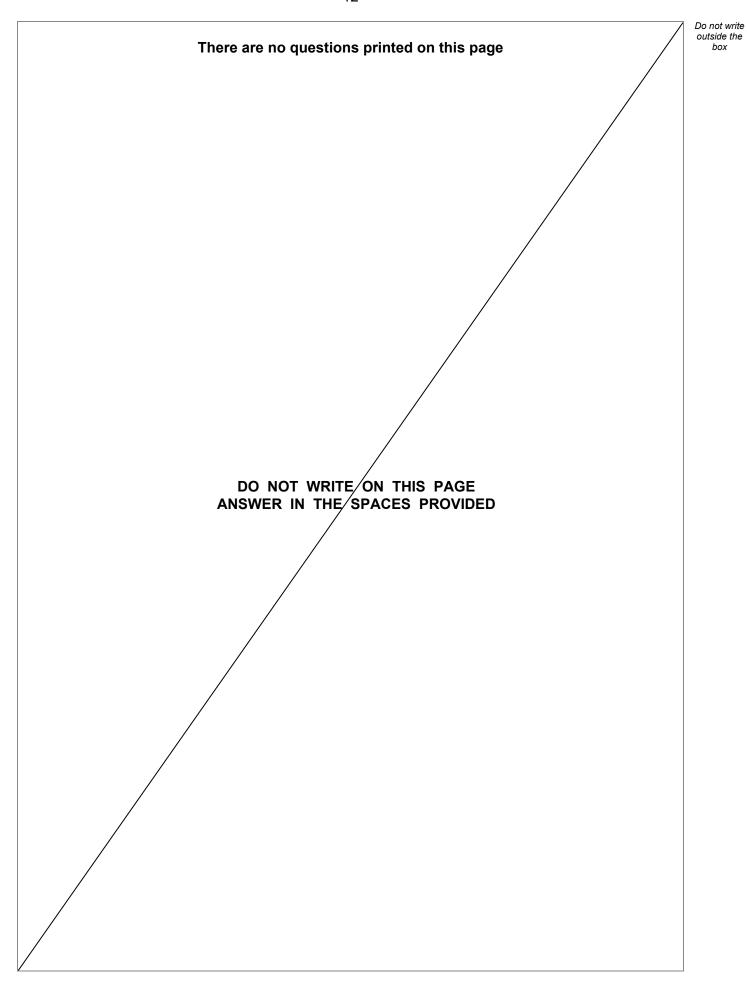


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