

# Advance information June 2022

## A-level History (7042)

### Version 1.0

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 1H Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964**.

## Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/1H Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964**.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

## Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

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## Focus of the June 2022 exam

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This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/1H**.

### **Part one: Autocracy, Reform and Revolution, Russia, 1855-1917**

#### **Section one: Trying to preserve autocracy, 1855-1894**

- Political authority and attempts at reform: Alexander II; emancipation of the serfs and attempts at domestic and military reform
- Economic and social developments: industrial developments and the land issue; social divisions; nobles, landowners and position of the peasantry; the cultural influence of the Church

#### **Section two: The collapse of autocracy, 1894-1917**

- Political authority, government and Tsar; Nicholas II as ruler: political developments to 1914; 1905 Revolution; Duma government
- Opposition: ideas and ideologies, liberalism, socialism; Marxism; individuals and radical groups
- Political authority, opposition and the state of Russia in wartime: the political, economic and social problems of wartime; opposition and the collapse of autocracy; the political developments of 1917

### **Part two: the Soviet Union, 1917-1964**

#### **Section three: The emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917-1941**

- Economic developments: Lenin's decrees; the Stalinist economy; collectivisation and the Five Year Plans
- Opposition: faction; the Red Terror and the purges
- The political, economic and social condition of the Soviet Union by 1941

#### **Section four: The Stalinist dictatorship and reaction, 1941-1964**

- Political authority, opposition and the state of Russia in wartime: the political, economic and social impact of war; effect on Stalin, government and 'the people'
- Political authority and government to 1953: High Stalinism; the revival of terror; destruction of 'supposed' opposition and cult of personality; the power vacuum on Stalin's death
- Political authority and government: Khrushchev's rise to power; policies and ideology; de-Stalinisation; political and party change
- Economic and social developments: changes in industrial organisation from Stalin to Khrushchev; agriculture and the Virgin Lands scheme; social and cultural change from Stalin to Khrushchev
- Opposition: cultural dissidents; communist divisions; hardliners and reformers; opponents of Khrushchev and his fall from power

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