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History

HIS2E

Unit 2E The Reign of Peter the Great of Russia, 1682–1725

Tuesday 22 January 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2E.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A Peter, even in the midst of continual wars and the cares of government, seldom neglected to attend religious services in public. He was zealous for those things which make up the essence of Christianity and was full of admiration for the scriptures. He tried to inspire his subjects with the same sentiments and made no
5 one work publicly on a Sunday. It was only in the most pressing of times that he allowed ship-building and other public works to be carried out on Sundays. He often said that 'he who forgets God works without profit, and will never obtain the blessing of heaven'.

Adapted from *Original Anecdotes of Peter the Great* collected by Jakob von Staehlin, 1788

Source B A passage by L Hughes concerning Peter the Great's attitude to religion, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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Source C A passage by J Carcraft concerning the religious reforms of Peter the Great, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

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 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Peter the Great's attitude to religion. (12 marks)

and

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 Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far were the religious reforms of Peter the Great due to a desire to increase his own power? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

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Explain why Peter the Great introduced the Beard Tax in 1705.

*(12 marks)***and**

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'Peter the Great's economic reforms solved Russia's financial problems.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

*(24 marks)***OR****Question 3**

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Explain why Peter the Great reformed the Russian army.

*(12 marks)***and**

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'The creation of the Russian navy was the most important reason for the success of
Peter the Great's foreign policy.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

*(24 marks)***END OF QUESTIONS**

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