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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**HISTORY**  
**Unit 1**

**HS1E**

**Alternative E: Germany and Russia before the  
First World War, 1870–1914**

Wednesday 6 June 2007 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or 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 HS1E.
- Answer **two** questions.  
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and coherently and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

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

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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

**Source A** During the ‘Liberal Era’ in the years 1871 to 1878, Bismarck used the National Liberals for his own ends. The National Liberals gave Bismarck their enthusiastic support in the *Kulturkampf* without gaining anything for liberalism. They failed to realise that Bismarck was a far more powerful enemy than the Catholic Church to the advance of liberal ideas in Germany. Of all the campaigns waged against his internal enemies, the campaign waged by Bismarck against the National Liberals was his most successful. It ensured that the German Empire was no more democratic in 1890 than it had been in 1871.

Adapted from I MITCHELL, *Bismarck and the Development of Germany*, 1980

**Source B**

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**Source C**

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(a) Use **Source A** and your own knowledge.

Explain briefly the significance of the ‘Liberal Era’ (line 1) in the context of Bismarck’s rule in Germany in the years 1871 to 1878. (3 marks)

(b) Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how the views in **Source B** differ from the views put forward in **Source A** about the success of the National Liberals in promoting liberal ideas in Bismarckian Germany. (7 marks)

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

Explain the importance of Bismarck’s handling of political parties, in relation to other factors, in his attempts to maintain political control in Germany in the years 1871 to 1890. (15 marks)

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**EITHER 2** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

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- (a) Explain briefly what is meant by 'protective tariffs' in relation to the Russian economy in the 1890s. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain why Witte wanted to promote industrialisation in Russia in the 1890s. *(7 marks)*
- (c) 'In terms of economic progress in Russia, the achievements of Stolypin after 1905 were more important than the reforms of Witte in the 1890s.' Explain why you agree or disagree with this opinion. *(15 marks)*

**OR 3** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

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- (a) Explain briefly what is meant by 'naval race' in the context of German foreign policy after 1890. *(3 marks)*
- (b) Explain why Germany embarked on naval expansion after 1890. *(7 marks)*
- (c) 'Kaiser Wilhelm II's influence on German foreign policy significantly increased the tension between Germany and the other European powers in the years 1890 to 1914.' Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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