

Advance information June 2022

A-level History (7042)

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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), 1E Russia in the Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1682-1796**.

Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/1E Russia in the Age of Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1682-1796**.
- 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.

Focus of the June 2022 exam

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

Part one: Peter the Great and Russia, 1682-1725

Section one: Establishing authority, 1682-1707

- The political, economic and social position of Russia in 1682: the Tsars and the nobility; economic backwardness and serfdom; Russia as a traditional, Slav society
- Westernisation; influences on Peter as a child; the Great Embassy; the reasons for and significance of the development of St Petersburg
- Early reforms: economic and financial; political; military; changes in society
- Opposition: the Church; the Streltsy

Section two: Increasing the glory of Russia, 1707-1725

- Economic and financial reforms and their success
- Orthodoxy and developments in the Church: attempts to increase the power of the Tsar
- Changes to central and local government; the reform of the army and the introduction of the Table of Ranks and the Service State
- Social developments, Westernisation and extent of change by 1725
- Opposition: Astrakhan; Bashkir; Don Cossacks; Tsarevich Alexis

Part two: Enlightenment Russia, 1725-1796

Section three: The epoch of palace coups, 1725-1762

- Foreign affairs: intervention in Poland; failure to secure the Crimea; involvement in the Seven Years' War

Section four: Catherine the Great and Russia, 1762-1796

- Catherine: character and aims; extent of influence of the Enlightenment and the impact of the French Revolution on Catherine
- Developments in central and local government: codification of the law; the Great Commission; reform of the Senate; changes to local government in towns and rural areas
- Changes to society: the importance of land ownership and the gentry; Enlightenment and education; reforms to religion
- The economy and the persistence of serfdom and its impact on economic development
- Opposition and rebellion; plots against her and Catherine's reaction; the Pugachev Revolt and its consequences

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