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A Level History A

Y210/01 Russia 1645–1741

Time allowed: 1 hour

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Under which of the following rulers were Russia's problems greater?

(i) Catherine I

(ii) Peter II

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* 'Russia's most important foreign policy successes in the period from 1645 to 1725 were in the Baltic.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

2

(a) Which of the following had the greater impact upon Russia during the reign of Peter the Great?

(i) Reforms in central administration

(ii) Reforms in local administration

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* 'Russia was socially and economically backward in 1645.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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