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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level

Thursday 14 May 2026

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours)

Paper reference **WHI01/1B**

History

International Advanced Subsidiary
PAPER 1: Depth Study with Interpretations
Option 1B: Russia in Revolution, 1881–1917

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **TWO** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
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Answer TWO questions from the following.

You must start your answer to your first question on page 3.

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EITHER

1 Historians have different explanations for the survival of Tsarist rule in the years 1891–1903.

'In the years 1891–1903, weak opposition was the main reason for the survival of Tsarist rule.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

OR

2 Historians differ in their judgements about Tsarist rule in the years 1905–14.

'In the years 1905–14, the political reforms introduced by Nicholas II were effective.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

OR

3 Historians have different explanations for the February Revolution in 1917.

'The priority given to the war effort during the First World War was the main reason why there was a revolution in February 1917.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

OR

4 Historians differ in their judgements about the Provisional Government in 1917.

'The Provisional Government was too weak from the beginning to survive.'

Assess this view using your own knowledge of the issue.

(Total for Question 4 = 25 marks)

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