

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

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**HI289**

**HISTORY OF RUSSIA SINCE 1881**

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Time allowed: 7 days

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Submission: By 11:00am on 09 September via Tabula

Answer TWO questions - Each question is limited to 1500 words.

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**Assessment Guidance:**

- You MUST read the supporting information on the History website:  
<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/covid19andstrikeinformation/covidexam/>
  - You MUST submit answers on Tabula by 11:00am on the deadline date (all deadlines can be found on the departmental exam timetable  
(<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/covid19andstrikeinformation/covidexam/spt-tt>) or on your Tabula assessment page).
  - You MUST ensure that you upload the correct answer paper to the correct module.
  - Your exam answer paper MUST include:
    - Student ID number.
    - The module code and the module title.
    - Clearly state which questions have been answered.
  - Answers should be a maximum of 1500 words.
  - Answers are not expected to include a bibliography or footnotes, however, if you have consulted any materials please list these at the end of your answers.
  - Answers should NOT include any significant amount of material already presented in ANY assessed work.
  - Where necessary, papers for modules affected by industrial action in the 2019-2020 academic year include additional questions to provide a full range of topics.
  - This take-home assessment is a one-year variance from the normal examination format due to COVID-19 and will apply only in the 2019-2020 academic year.
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1. How far did the rapid, state-sponsored modernisation of Russia contribute to the revolution?

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2. '1905 opened up several paths for Russia'. Discuss.

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3. 'The Bolsheviks were extraordinarily successful in transforming a peasant country into an urban, industrial utopia'. Discuss.

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4. How far was it possible for ethnic minorities to become Soviet people?

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5. 'Stalinism was not only about the extension of the power of the state over society. It was also about the construction of a new Soviet way of life.' Discuss.

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6. Were the Purges revolutionary?

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7. 'The Second World War represented a decisive shift in Soviet history: from the politics of social division to the promotion of unity'. Discuss.

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8. How far did 'Sovietness' take on new meanings after Stalin's death?

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9. Did Soviet citizens have reasons to be pessimistic in the late Soviet period?

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10. To what extent can Russia after 1991 be described as a failed attempt to imitate the West?

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11. 'The revolution of February 1917 was a crisis of authority'. Discuss.

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12. How far is it accurate to describe October as a 'coup d'état'?

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13. What challenges were raised by the post-war reconstruction of the Soviet Union?

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