This document contains all of the past paper questions that have been set from this unit. Use them to actively revise – plan answers, write introductions and conclusions (clear line of argument etc). The relevant sections from the mark scheme are included in the same order in the next document.

There are a choice of two questions from each of the HL units you study in the real exam. You have to answer three in total – you can do two from the same section.

**Russia 1853-1924**

**May 2015**

9. Examine the reasons for the growth of opposition movements in Russia between 1881 and 1914

10. “Strong political and military leaders were the main factors in Bolshevik victory in the Russian Civil War.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Nov 14**

9. To what extent did Alexander II’s reforms improve the lives of the Russian peasantry?

10. Evaluate the factors that enabled Lenin to ensure the survival of the Soviet State.

**May 13**

9. To what extent do you agree that Alexander II transformed Russian society?

10. Assess the impact of the Russo–Japanese War on the reign of Nicholas II up to 1914.

**Nov 13**

9. “Alexander III was a political reactionary but an economic moderniser.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

10. Compare and contrast the role of the Soviets in the February and October revolutions of 1917 in Russia

**May 12**

9. Compare and contrast the domestic policies of Alexander II (1855–1881) and Alexander III (1881–1894).

10. “Lenin was able to consolidate Bolshevik rule in Russia by combining popular policies and repression.” To what extent do you agree with this statement about Bolshevik rule up to 1924?

**Nov 12**

9. Analyse the causes and consequences of the 1905 revolution in Russia.

10. Compare and contrast the roles of Lenin and Trotsky in the Bolshevik seizure of power in October 1917.

**May 11**

9. To what extent were Stolypin’s political and economic policies successful in the years 1906 – 1911?

10. “There were two revolutions in Russia because of the weakness of the Provisional Government.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Nov 11**

9. In what ways, and with what success, did Alexander II attempt to modernize Russia and preserve imperial power?

**May 10**

9. “His measures of reform did not disguise his belief in the need to maintain autocratic rule.” To what extent do you agree with this view of Alexander II?

10. Compare and contrast the causes and nature of the two 1917 Russian Revolutions.

**Nov 10**

9. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Alexander II’s reforms.

10. “Lenin abandoned ideology in order to gain and consolidate power.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?