

Task Name: Half Yearly Exam	Unit: The Contestability of the Past and The Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty
Task Distributed: Week 9, Term 1	Task Due: Tuesday 6 th May
Task Type: Written Exam	Syllabus Outcomes: MH11-2, MH11-3, MH11-4, MH11-5, MH11-6, MH11-9
Task Weighting: 30% of Preliminary Assessment 100% of Half Yearly Report	Task number for Course: 2

Task Description:

The examination will consist of THREE sections. All sections are compulsory. You will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete the exam with 5 minutes reading time.

Section I: The Contestability of the Past (Pearl Harbor)

This section will include short answer questions.

Allow 20 minutes for this section. *This section is marked out of 10.*

Section II: Source Analysis

This section will include source-based questions from The Contestability of the Past (Pearl Harbor) and the Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty.

Allow 35 minutes for this section. *This section is marked out of 20.*

Section III: The Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty

This section will include one short answer question and one long response.

Allow 35 minutes for this section. *This section is marked out of 15.*

Content Assessed:

- *the historical context, including:*
 - *origins and nature of the Russian Empire*
 - *relationships with foreign powers*
- *the nature of the decline and fall of the Romanov dynasty, including:*
 - *the Romanov empire at the time of Nicholas II, including political, economic and social grievances*

NESA Glossary of Key Words

- Identify: Recognise and name.
- Outline: Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of.
- Describe: Provide characteristic and features
- Explain: Relate cause and effect. Make the relationships between things evident. Provide why and/or how.
- Assess: Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size.
- Understand the verb associated with the task. The verb will provide an understanding of the detail needed to successfully answer the question.
- Check the NESA Glossary of Key Words
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-student-guide/glossary-keywords>

Details of Submission:

- This task will be completed in exam conditions during the Half Yearly Exam Period. Students should consult their examination timetable to confirm the date and time of the exam.
- Ensure you use a black pen. All writing paper will be provided. Students are NOT permitted to bring notes into the exam.
- Absences on the day will be dealt with in accordance with school policies.

Assessment Procedures

All students should be fully aware of the school assessment procedures. Students should access their 2025 Assessment Guide for more information.

Feedback provided

- The task will be typically returned to students within two school weeks of the submission date.
- At this time feedback including information on how to improve will be delivered through mechanisms such as marking criteria, and/or written comments.
- Students can clarify or seek further feedback by arranging to meet with their teacher.

Self-Reflection Component

Students will be required to complete a self-reflection worksheet at the time students receive their assessment mark and teacher feedback. Self-reflection is an important part of the learning process as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the strength of your performance, as well as areas that have been identified to strengthen in future tasks.

What Areas of Learning will this Assessment Task Report On?

In this task you will be assessed on your ability to:

- demonstrate historical knowledge and understanding relevant to the question
- use a range of relevant sources
- communicate ideas and information using historical terms and concepts appropriately
- present a sustained, logical and cohesive response

