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Russian and East European Studies

EURASIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Please start the answer to each question on a separate sheet.

Candidates should answer THREE questions.

Do **not** turn over until told that you may do so.

1. How can one best explain the contradictions between federal and regional laws in the Russian transition?
2. To what extent have Putin's regional policies been a source of increasing authoritarianism?
3. What are the main factors shaping differences in the level and provision of welfare in Russia's regions?
4. Discuss the causes and effects of migration within the Russian Federation since 1992.
5. Describe the different ways in which national identity has influenced political institutions in the CIS. In your answer refer to AT LEAST TWO CIS states.
6. Explain the term asymmetric federalism and show how it has affected democratization in Russia's regions.
7. Assess the contribution of resource abundance in some of Russia's regions to political processes in transition.
8. Explain the political challenges of independent statehood in the CIS in the post-Soviet era.
9. What have been the main problems in developing a well-functioning system of fiscal federalism in the Russian Federation?
10. How useful is the case study approach for examining democratization in Russia's regions?

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