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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF**

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

COURSE CODE: HIS 817

**COURSE TITLE: THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF RUSSIA IN THE
19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES**

DATE: 18/12/2023 TIME: 03:00 – 06:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Answer three questions only.

This paper consists of TWO (2) pages. Please turn over

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1. Explain why Napoleon's failure in the Moscow Campaign of 1812 made Russia a significant member of the Concert of Europe. (20 Marks)

2. Critically examine the causes of the Crimean War. (20 Marks)

3. "Tsar Alexander II move to emancipate the serfs in 1861 was not a humanitarian gesture." Discuss. (20 Marks)

4. "The Russian Revolution of 1917 was caused by both the events of the First World War and internal developments." Discuss. (20 Marks)

5. Do you agree that "there were many issues in post-Tsar Nicholas II Russia to cause a civil war"? (20 Marks)

6. Looking at the cooperation between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, would you say that "it helped the United States of America to destroy the Soviet Union"? (20 Marks)