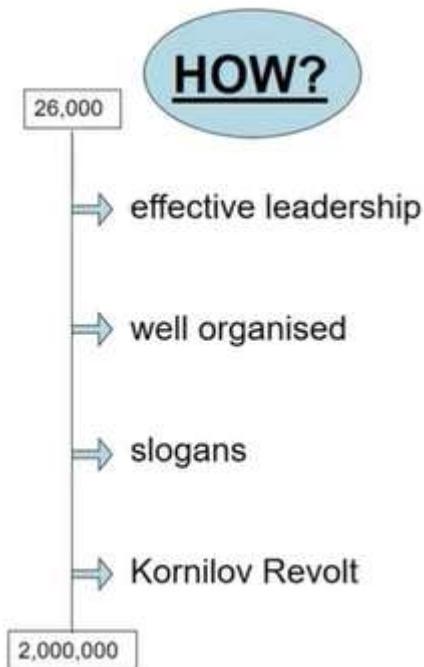


Question 6

(a) Write an account of the Bolsheviks' rise to power during 1917. [15]



Accounts may include the following:

- Lenin's April Theses promised 'Peace, bread, land' and 'All Power to the Soviets'
- Continuation of WW1 increased Bolshevik popularity with workers, sailors and soldiers in the soviets
- Trotsky became Chairman of Petrograd Soviet in September 1917: formed Military Revolutionary Committee to defend Soviet power
- Kornilov Affair saw Trotsky form Red Guard and Kerensky armed them to defend Petrograd
- Ultimately: Storming of Winter Palace & setting up of Sovnarkom, with Lenin as Chairman
- Maybe even mention issuing of first decrees

(b) Discuss the importance of Lenin in the years 1917–24. [25]

YES

- Intellectual leadership: Marxism–Leninism as main ideology of the Bolsheviks
- Lenin's April Theses
- Leadership of the revolution and introduction of socialist policies: War Communism and New Economic Policy (NEP)
- Propaganda and Red Terror during the Russian Civil War: creation of a personal dictatorship / basis for Stalin's regime, murder of the Tsar and his family

NO

- Lenin versus Trotsky debate, in terms of importance of role in seizure of power and Russian Civil War victory