**The Bolshevik Consolidation of Power – A, B, or C ?**

**Problem 1 – Forming a Government**

A Lenin would establish his own Government as quickly as possible

B Lenin would continue to support the Soviet and rule using them as a front

C Lenin would use elections to cement an official Government based on majority support

**Problem 2 – The Press**

A Lenin shut down all free press as quickly as possible

B Lenin allowed for political debate to continue in the press regardless of ideology

C Lenin allowed socialist political debate to continue to ensure all parties were kept happy

**Problem 3 – Other Political Parties**

A Lenin exiled all political leaders and banned all other parties such as the Mensheviks + SRs

B Lenin used the Soviet to keep all parties involved

C Lenin allowed other parties to continue, but exiled many prominent leaders and critics

**Problem 4 – Role of other socialist parties in Government**

A Lenin sabotaged any negotiations with other socialists to ensure Bolsheviks ruled alone

B Lenin allowed a coalition to develop with all sympathetic socialists involved

C Lenin allowed certain revolutionary socialists to join a Bolshevik led Government

**Problem 5 – Land ownership**

A Lenin refused to fulfil his promises on land and brutally repressed all rural revolts

B Lenin introduced full land reform, giving all estates over to the peasantry

C Lenin gave some land over to sympathetic *mirs* and assemblies whom he trusted

**Problem 6 – Control of industry**

A Lenin expelled all management and put the workers in complete control of industry

B Lenin put worker’s committees into control but allowed management to continue

C Lenin allowed management to continue largely untouched until he was sure of success

**Problem 7 – Nationalities**

A Lenin granted all nationalities complete self-determination

B Lenin started negotiations with local socialists on the ground before making any decision

C Lenin refused to listen to any claims to independence before he was in control of Russia

**Problem 8 – War + Peace**

A Lenin pulled out of WWI immediately to widespread popular acclaim

B Lenin pulled out of WWI immediately, but had to force this on the people + his party

C Lenin continued to pursue WWI in the short term