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AS Level History A

Unit Y249

Russia 1894–1941

Sample Question Paper

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Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer either question 1 or question 2 in Section A, and question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Section A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

- 1*** Assess the reasons why the overthrow of the Tsar in March 1917 was followed by a second revolution in November 1917.

[30]

OR

- 2*** 'Stalin's leadership and political skills were the most important reasons why he was able to consolidate his power.' How far do you agree?

[30]

Section B

3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

‘Despite efforts at political reform, urban Russia on the brink of the First World War arguably found itself on the brink of a new revolution.’

From: O.Figes, *Revolutionary Russia 1891–1991*, 2014

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied.

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