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AS Level History A

Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 in Section A. Answer Question 3 in Section B.

INFORMATION

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

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SECTION A

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1* Assess the reasons for the events of March 1917. **[30]**

OR

2* To what extent were Stalin's economic policies a success between 1929 and 1941? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

‘The Revolution of 1905 exerted a tremendous influence on Russia. It transformed the structure and political culture of Russian society.’

From: John M. Thompson, *A Vision Unfulfilled*, published in 1995.

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

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