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AS Level History A

Y249 Russia 1894–1941

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- 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 barcodes.

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.

- 1*** How effectively did Nicholas II deal with the problems that he faced from 1894 to 1914? **[30]**
- 2*** 'Between 1928 and 1941, Stalin's economic policies were a disaster for the Soviet Union.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'The Whites were ultimately unsuccessful in winning the Civil War. This was because of political disunity: at the very least they failed to act as a focus for all the various anti Bolshevik forces.'

G Hosking, *A History of the Soviet Union 1917–1991*, 1992

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making references to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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