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AS Level History A

Y242/01 The American Revolution 1740–1796

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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.

EITHER

1* Assess the reasons why Britain was able to expand its territory in America in the period to 1765. **[30]**

OR

2* Assess the reasons why the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'The Revolution did not open in force until the announcement of the Stamp Act. From then until the beginning of armed conflict political or constitutional issues were the occasion for every outbreak of protest within the colony.'

T.W. Wate, *The Coming of the Revolution in Virginia* (1992)

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

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