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AS Level History A

Y253/01 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

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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 impact on Eastern Europe of Soviet control in the years 1946–1955. **[30]**

OR

2* “President Reagan was mainly responsible for the development of the ‘new Cold War’ in the years 1979–1984.” How far do you agree? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'Why [by 1946] had Stalin become so difficult to deal with? The answer was simple: the atomic bomb. The Americans had it and he did not ... The American bomb appears to be the fundamental reason why Stalin was determined to hold onto everything he had and to prevent the expansion of American influence in Eastern and Southern Europe.'

From: M. McCauley, *Origins of The Cold War 1941–49* (2008)

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

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