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# AS Level History A

**Y243/01** The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon

1774–1815

**Tuesday 22 May 2018 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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\*** To what extent had France changed from the outbreak of the Revolution to the end of 1789? **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** Assess the reasons for the emergence of government by Terror in the summer of 1793. **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'In 1789 French society remained fundamentally aristocratic; but this traditional social structure was now being undermined by the evolution of the economy, which was giving added importance to personal wealth and was enhancing the power of the middle class.'

*Albert Soboul, The French Revolution 1787–1799, 1989*

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

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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