



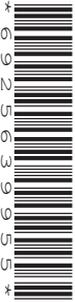
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AS Level History A

Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941

Tuesday 22 May 2018 – Afternoon

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 answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
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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 was Lenin a strong leader? **[30]**

OR

2* Assess the reasons why Stalin was able to come to power by 1929. **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'Russia's defeat at the hands of a small, supposedly inferior Asian country was a national humiliation...Russia's dismal performance contributed considerably to the build up of tension that led to a direct challenge to tsardom – the 1905 Revolution.'

From M Lynch, *From Autocracy to Communism*, 2008

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

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