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AS Level History A

Y251/01 Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963

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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 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*** “Germany’s economic problems explain the appeal of Hitler in the years 1929 to 1933.” How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** “The SS was the most important means of maintaining Nazi control of the population in the years 1933–1939.” How far do you agree? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

“Stalin’s blockade of Berlin between June 1948 and May 1949 must be seen as a desperate attempt to prevent the currency reform in the Western Zone and thus the economic... division of Germany.”

From: J K A Thomanek and B Niven, *Dividing and Uniting Germany*
(*The Making of the Contemporary World*), (2009)

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

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