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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 (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*** “Developments in Germany were the main reason for rising tension between the USSR and the West in the years 1946–1955.” How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** How much progress had been made in the process of Détente by 1979? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

“The [Second World] War had been won by a coalition whose members were already at war – ideologically and geopolitically, if not militarily – with one another.”

From: J.L. Gaddis, *The Cold War*, 2005

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

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