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AS Level History A

Y254/01 Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics
1948–1999

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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*** “The Population Registration Act of 1950 was the most significant piece of legislation establishing Apartheid in the years 1948–1955.” How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** Assess the reasons why there was so much instability in South Africa between 1989 and 1994. **[30]**

SECTION B

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

“In 1989... the government’s ability to defend the Apartheid system was still formidable. It possessed the means for [total] control and frequently used them.”

Formidable = strong and fear-inspiring

From: M. Meredith, *The Fortunes of Africa: A 5,000 year history of wealth, greed and endeavour*
(2014)

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

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