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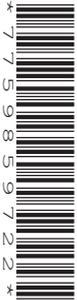
**AS Level History A**

**Y243/01** The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon  
1774–1815

**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.

**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\*** Assess the reasons for the fall of Robespierre. **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** How important was British opposition in the defeat of Napoleon? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

‘Although there was still a great deal to be done, they [The August Decrees] marked the end of noble power and privilege of birth by establishing a society based on civil equality.’

Dylan Rees, *France in Revolution 1774–1815*, 2015

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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