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**Monday 20 May 2019 – Afternoon**

**AS Level History A**

**Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941**

**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.

**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 were the attitudes and actions of Nicholas II the cause of the 1905 Revolution? **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** To what extent did Lenin achieve his economic aims in the period 1918–1924? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Throughout the struggle, the Reds were sustained by a driving sense of purpose. Trotsky... created an army that proved capable of fighting with an unshakable belief in its own eventual victory.'

From M Lynch, *From Autocracy to Communism: Russia 1894–1941*, published in 2008

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation as an explanation of why the Reds won the Civil War, making references to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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