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AS Level History A

Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 in Section A. Answer Question 3 in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

- 1*** 'Konstantin Pobedonostsev was the most influential person in Russia in the years from 1894 to 1914.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** To what extent was the Kornilov Revolt the most important reason why the Bolsheviks were in a strong position to seize power by November 1917? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'The true test of Lenin's leadership came in the years from 1918 to 1921. Lenin was able to overcome all the challenges he faced in this period.'

From: A. Ascher, *Russia: a Short History*, published in 2009

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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