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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\*** 'The disunity of the White forces was the most important reason for the Red victory in the Russian Civil War.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

**OR**

- 2\*** 'The purges were the main reason for Stalin's consolidation of power in Russia between 1929 and 1941.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

‘Stolypin’s policies gave the Russian government breathing space, which might have continued if the war had not broken out in 1914.’

**Adapted from: H . Rogger, Russia in the Age of Modernisation and Revolution, 1983**

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation as an explanation of Russia’s stability between 1906 and the outbreak of war in 1914, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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