

Monday 20 May 2024 - Afternoon

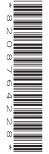
AS Level History A

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

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

You must have:

• the 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.

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- · 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 Question 1 or Question 2.

1*	Assess the reasons for Napoleon's rise to power by 1799.	[30]
2*	How important was the war in Spain in bringing about the fall of Napoleon?	[30]

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SECTION B

3 Read the interpretation and answer the question that follows:

'It seems most likely that the [French] Revolution broke out because long-term problems and resentments were brought to a head by events immediately preceding it. Two of the areas in which deep-seated problems reached a critical point in the 1770s and 1780s were those of finance and government.'

J.H. Shennan, France Before the Revolution, published in 1983.

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

[20]

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