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# AS Level History A

Y240 Russia 1645–1741

**Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon**

**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 answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

## 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.

- 1\*** How far was the Russia of 1696 a backward country? **[30]**
- 2\*** 'Opposition to the rulers of Russia between 1645 and 1741 was ineffective.' To what extent do you agree? **[30]**

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**SECTION B**

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

‘Of all Peter’s economic achievements, the growth of industry was the greatest. It opened up a new chapter in the economic history of the country.’

L Hughes, *Russia in the Age of Peter the Great*, 2000

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation about the development of the Russian economy under Peter the Great, making references to other interpretations that you have studied.

**[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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