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## AS Level History A

**Y243** The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon

1774–1815

**Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the 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 important were economic factors in the outbreak of the Revolution in 1789? **[30]**

**2\*** Assess the reasons for the overthrow of the Directory. **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Was it a popular Revolution? Certainly: the emergence of the urban masses was the most significant aspect of these events [unrest in Paris and other towns].'

Michel Vovelle, *The Fall of the French Monarchy, 1787–92*, 1972

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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