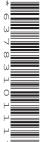


# **AS Level History A**

Y249 Russia 1894-1941

# 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.

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### **SECTION A**

Answer **ONE** question.

1\* How effectively did Nicholas II deal with the problems that he faced from 1894 to 1914? [30]

2\* 'Between 1928 and 1941, Stalin's economic policies were a disaster for the Soviet Union.' How far do you agree?
[30]

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### **SECTION B**

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

'The Whites were ultimately unsuccessful in winning the Civil War. This was because of political disunity: at the very least they failed to act as a focus for all the various anti Bolshevik forces.'

G Hosking, A History of the Soviet Union 1917–1991, 1992

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

### **END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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