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AS Level History A

Y253 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

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*** Assess the reasons for the growth in tension between the Allies in the years from 1946–1955. **[30]**
- 2*** How similar were the causes of the Hungarian Rising of 1956 and the Prague Spring of 1968? **[30]**

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SECTION B

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

'It was the economic weakness of the USSR and the COMECON states that was the key factor in the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the USSR by 1991.'

D.G. Williamson *The Cold War 1941–95*, 2015.

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

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