

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

AS Level

Y243

HISTORY A

**The French Revolution and
the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815**

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016: Afternoon

**TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

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YOU MUST HAVE:

the 12-page Answer Booklet

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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.

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 (*).

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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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