

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**AS Level**  
**Y249**  
**HISTORY A**  
**Russia 1894–1941**  
**WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016: Afternoon**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour 30 minutes**  
**plus your additional time allowance**  
**MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

**YOU MUST HAVE:**  
**the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet**  
**(OCR12 sent with general stationery)**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

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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 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]**

## **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]**

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