

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS Level
Y252
HISTORY A

The Cold War in Asia 1945–1993
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
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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* Assess the reasons for the fall of China to communism in 1949. [30]**

- 2* 'US opposition to French colonialism was the main reason for American involvement in Indochina between 1945 and 1954'. How far do you agree? [30]**

SECTION B

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

‘Most historians believe that the main reason America failed to win the [Vietnam] war was that the establishment of a viable South Vietnamese state was beyond American capabilities.’

V Sanders, ‘The Cold War in Asia’, 2015.

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

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