

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
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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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