



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

# Monday 20 May 2024 – Afternoon

## AS Level History A

### Y243/01 The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 in Section A. Answer Question 3 in Section B.

#### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

#### ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

**2**

**SECTION A**

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

**1\*** Assess the reasons for Napoleon's rise to power by 1799. **[30]**

**2\*** How important was the war in Spain in bringing about the fall of Napoleon? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'It seems most likely that the [French] Revolution broke out because long-term problems and resentments were brought to a head by events immediately preceding it. Two of the areas in which deep-seated problems reached a critical point in the 1770s and 1780s were those of finance and government.'

**J.H. Shennan, France Before the Revolution, published in 1983.**

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

**[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

**Copyright Information**

OCR is committed to seeking permission to reproduce all third-party content that it uses in its assessment materials. OCR has attempted to identify and contact all copyright holders whose work is used in this paper. To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced in the OCR Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download from our public website ([www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)) after the live examination series.

If OCR has unwittingly failed to correctly acknowledge or clear any third-party content in this assessment material, OCR will be happy to correct its mistake at the earliest possible opportunity.

For queries or further information please contact The OCR Copyright Team, The Triangle Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8EA.

OCR is part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment, which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.