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## AS Level History A

**Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941**

**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.

**SECTION A**

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

**1\*** 'Political problems were the most serious issue for Russia in 1894.'

How far do you agree?

**[30]**

**2\*** How important was the leadership of Lenin, in the period from April 1917 to the October [November] Revolution, to the success of the Bolshevik seizure of power? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

**3** Read the interpretation and answer the question that follows.

‘In ability, Witte towered above all the other ministers and officials in the government.’

**M Lynch, Reaction and Revolution: Russia 1894–1924, published in 2008.**

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

**[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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