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AS Level History A

Y253/01 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

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 causes of wartime tensions in the Grand Alliance in the period from 1941 to 1945. **[30]**

2* 'The failure of the coup of 1991 was the most important factor in the ending of the Cold War in the period from 1984 to 1995.'

How far do you agree?

[30]

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SECTION B

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

‘The prospects for a socialist Europe, more democratic than communist, were very bright in 1945.’

M. McCauley, *The Origins of the Cold War: 1941–1949*, published in 1995.

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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