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AS Level History A

Y249/01 Russia 1894–1941

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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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.

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Section A

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1* To what extent did the Russian economy improve in the period from 1894 to the outbreak of war in 1914? **[30]**

2* 'The use of terror was the most important reason for the Bolsheviks increasing their control of Russia during the period from 1918 to Lenin's death in 1924.'

How far do you agree? **[30]**

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Section B

3 Read the interpretation and answer the question that follows.

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

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