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AS Level History A

Y253/01 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

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* How important were atomic weapons in the development of the Cold War during the period from 1946 to 1955? **[30]**

2* 'Economic problems in the USSR and Eastern Europe were the main reason for the end of the Cold War.'

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 limitations of this interpretation of the origins of the Cold War during the period from 1941 to 1945, making reference to other interpretations you have studied. **[20]**

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