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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.

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SECTION AAnswer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1*** 'Of all the Grand Alliance leaders, Stalin contributed most to wartime tensions.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** 'War in Afghanistan was 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 then answer the question that follows:

'To observers of Europe in 1945 it must have seemed clear that the war had created conditions that made great power conflict highly likely, if not inevitable.'

Adapted from: R. J. McMahon, The Cold War, published in 2003.

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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