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**Monday 18 May 2020 – Afternoon**

**AS Level History A**

**Y243/01** The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon  
1774–1815

**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 A**

Answer **ONE** question.

**EITHER**

- 1\*** Assess the reasons why France was unable to solve its financial problems in the period from 1774 to 1789. **[30]**

**OR**

- 2\*** Assess the reasons why attempts to establish a constitutional monarchy in France failed in the years from 1789 to 1792. **[30]**

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**SECTION B**

**3** Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'Napoleon managed to fulfil the Revolution's promises by taking full advantage of the peaceful circumstances of the late 1790s to 1803. He would begin to squander it as the wars accelerated.'

From: M. Broers, *Napoleon: Soldier of Destiny*, published in 2014

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of Napoleon's domestic reforms, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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