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AS Level History A

Unit Y242

The American Revolution 1740–1796

Sample Question Paper Version 0.16

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



OCR supplied materials:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Section A

Answer **ONE** question

EITHER

- 1*** To what extent were political grievances the main reason for growing hostility to British rule by 1776? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** 'British weakness was the main reason for American victory in the War of Independence.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

Section B

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

'Foreign Policy left Americans far more divided in 1796 than in 1789.'

From: Paul Boyer, *The Enduring Vision*, 4th Edition, 2000

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied.

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