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AS Level History A

Unit Y253

The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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OCR supplied materials:

- 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*** Assess the consequences in Eastern Europe, outside the former Soviet Union, of the overthrow of communist governments after 1989. **[30]**

OR

- 2*** How effectively did the Soviet Union deal with the threats to its authority in Eastern Europe in the 1950s and 1960s? **[30]**

Section B

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



Section B Question 3 is an extract from M. McCauley *The Origins of the Cold War 1983*.

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

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