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A Level History A

Y223/01 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995

Time allowed: 1 hour



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.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- 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 **2** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

- 1 (a) Which of the following was a more significant reason for the breakdown in relations in the 'Grand Alliance' between 1941 and 1945?

(i) The liberation of Europe in the West

(ii) The liberation of Europe in the East

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

- (b)* How important was the collapse of the USSR in bringing about the end of the Cold War? [20]

OR

- 2 (a) Which of the following created greater change in relations between the USSR and the West?

(i) Détente in the 1970s

(ii) The 'new Cold War' of 1979–1985

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

- (b)* 'Stalin was responsible for the breakdown in relations between the USSR and its western allies in the years between 1941 and 1945.' How far do you agree? [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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