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A Level History A

Unit Y213

The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon

1774–1815

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour



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.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and Answer all parts of the question.
- 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 **30**.
- 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.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1, or all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following had the greater impact on the authority of the monarchy in 1789?

- (i) The storming of the Bastille
- (ii) The October Days

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

[10]

1 (b)* 'Napoleon's rise to power in 1799 was mainly the result of the weaknesses of the Directory.' How far do you agree with this statement?

[20]

OR

2(a) Which of the following had the greater impact on the course of the Napoleonic Wars?

- (i) The battle of Trafalgar
- (ii) The battle of Austerlitz

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

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2(b)* How important were the financial problems of the Crown in bringing about the French Revolution in 1789?

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