



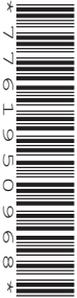
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**Monday 20 May 2019 – Afternoon**

**AS Level History A**

**Y253/01 The Cold War in Europe 1941–1995**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

**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 causes of the Berlin blockade of 1948–1949. **[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** 'The USSR's aims in the Cold War in Europe remained the same throughout the period 1956–1984.'  
How far do you agree? **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Nothing that happened during the end of the Cold War [1984–1995] was planned.'

From: A. Brown, 'Gorbachev, Reagan and the End of the Cold War', *History Today Volume 64, Issue 9* (September 2014)

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

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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