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AS Level History A

Unit Y254

Apartheid and Reconciliation: South African Politics 1948–1999

Sample Question Paper

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



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- 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.
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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*** 'The system of apartheid was never seriously threatened between 1955 and 1978'. How far do you agree?

[30]

OR

- 2*** 'The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was the most important factor in bringing about unity in South Africa in the years from 1992 to 1999.' How far do you agree?

[30]

Section B

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

'The role that the international community played on the sidelines was of crucial importance in determining the outcome [the end of Apartheid]'.

From: A.Guelke, *Rethinking the Fall of Apartheid*, 2005

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

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