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A Level History A

Y219/01 Russia 1894–1941

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 **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following had the greater impact on Russia during the period from 1894 to 1905?

(i) The influence of Pobedonostsev

(ii) The influence of Witte

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* 'Lenin's leadership of Russia was **not** a success.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

2

(a) Which of the following was more important in increasing Stalin's control over the Russian people in the 1930s?

(i) Stalin's 'Cult of Personality'

(ii) The growth of the police state

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* 'The actions of Kerensky were the most important reason for Bolshevik success in Russia in 1917.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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