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# Friday 23 May 2025 – Morning

## A Level History A

**Y316/01** Britain and Ireland 1791–1921

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes**

**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.
- Answer the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

**INFORMATION**
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- 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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## Section A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

**1** Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the causes and nature of Emmet's Rising (1803). **[30]**

### Passage A

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### Passage B

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## Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

**2*** ‘Irish revolutionary nationalism was unsuccessful throughout the period from 1791 to 1921.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

**3*** ‘The Anglican and Presbyterian Churches were the most significant source of support for the Union throughout the period from 1791 to 1921.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

**4*** ‘Reforms to the Union were effective at maintaining stability throughout the period from 1791 to 1921.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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