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Tuesday 23 May 2023 – Afternoon

AS Level History A

**Y243/01 The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon
1774–1815**

Time allowed: 1 hour 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 **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 in Section A. Answer Question 3 in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- 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.

SECTION A

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1*** How important was the flight to Varennes in bringing about the overthrow of the French monarchy? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** 'Napoleon's personal failings were the most important reason in bringing about his fall from power.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'Napoleon's military achievements were of a high order and he deserves to be seen as a military genius.'

From: Mike Wells, *The French Revolution and the Rule of Napoleon 1774–1815*, published in 2018.

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of Napoleon's military achievements in the period to 1807, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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