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A Level History A

Y201/01 The Rise of Islam c.550–750

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Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- 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 **2** pages.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the structure of Arabia?

(i) Arab military strength

(ii) The influence of tribalism

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

(b)* How successfully did 'Abd al-Malik expand the Umayyad Empire? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the success of Umar ibn al-Khattab?

(i) The treatment of non-Muslims

(ii) The fall of Jerusalem and Damascus

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

(b)* Assess the reasons why pre-Islamic Arabia proved so receptive to Islam. [20]

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