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## A Level History A

**Y211/01** The Rise and Decline of the Mughal Empire in India  
1526–1739

**Wednesday 21 June 2017 – Morning**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

### 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 helped Akbar more in gaining success as emperor?

- (i) His personality
- (ii) His military strengths

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

(b)\* 'Jahangir made the most significant contribution to the development of the Mughal Empire in the period from 1605 to 1656.' How far do you agree? [20]

**OR**

2 (a) Which of the following had the greatest impact on the foundation of the Mughal Empire from 1526 to 1556?

- (i) The defeat of Ibrahim Lodi at Panipat (1526)
- (ii) The rule of Sher Shah

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

(b)\* 'Akbar's greatest achievement was to stimulate economic growth.' How far do you agree? [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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