

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

1* How important was trade in the development of Mecca in the early seventh century? **[30]**

OR

2* Assess the reasons for the early growth of Islam by 632. **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'He [Ali ibn Abi Talib] displayed little statesmanship.'

From: J J Saunders, *A History of Medieval Islam*, 1965

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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