

AS Level History A

Y234/01 Genghis Khan and the Explosion from the Steppes c.1167–1405

Tuesday 23 May 2017 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

You must have:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

- · Use black ink.
- · Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

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



SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

1* 'Tamerlane's rule was nothing more than a period of terror and vicious conquests.' How far do you agree? [30]

OR

2* Assess the impact of the Mongol invasions on the west.

[30]

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SECTION B

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

'The Mongol empire fell prey to alien cultures, to the disparity between their way of life and the needs of the empire and to the size of their domain, which proved too large to hold together.'

Robert L. Worden and A. Savada, Mongolia: A Country Study (1989)

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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