



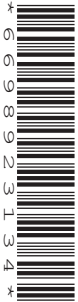
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AS Level History A

Y235/01 Exploration, Encounters and Empire 1445–1570

Tuesday 23 May 2017 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 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* Assess the factors that enabled the Portuguese to gain control of the spice trade. **[30]**

OR

2* To what extent was the Catholic Church strengthened by the establishment of the Spanish overseas empire? **[30]**

SECTION B

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

'Portugal's geographical position made the country into an Atlantic rather than a Mediterranean power.'

From: V. H. H. Green, *Renaissance and Reformation*, 1952

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

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