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AS Level History A

Y241/01 The Rise and Decline of the Mughal Empire in India
1526–1739

Tuesday 23 May 2017 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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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.

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Section A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

1* To what extent were Babur's military achievements the result of his use of artillery? **[30]**

OR

2* How successful was Shah Jahan in establishing stability in the Mughal Empire from 1628 to 1658? **[30]**

Section B

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

‘Arguably the imperial structures of administration which Akbar bequeathed to his successors were more significant than his roll-call of conquests.’

From John Keay, *India – a History: From the earliest civilisations to the boom of the twenty first century* (2010)

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

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