

# Thursday 23 May 2024 – Morning

# A Level History A

**Y301/01** The Early Anglo-Saxons c.400–800

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

#### You must have:

• the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet



### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.

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- · Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the guestion in Section A and **any two** guestions in Section B.

### **INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has 4 pages.

### **ADVICE**

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

# **SECTION A**

Read the two passages and answer Question 1.

1 Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the role of Offa in the development of the Mercian supremacy.

[30]

# Passage A

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# Passage B

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### **SECTION B**

## Answer any two questions.

Assess the reasons for the expansion of early Anglo-Saxon kingdoms during the period from c.400 to 800. [25]
\* 'Religious belief and practice in Britain and Ireland before Augustine's arrival in 597 was very different to that in the period from 597 to 800.'
How far do you agree? [25]
\* 'The similarities in the literature of the period from c.400 to 800 are much greater than their differences.'

### **END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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How far do you agree?



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