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A Level History A

Y205/01 Exploration, Encounters and Empire 1445–1570

Time allowed: 1 hour



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.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- 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.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following gains was more important for explorers and their patrons during the period from 1445 to 1570?

(i) Prestige

(ii) Wealth

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**.

[10]

(b)* To what extent were the routes taken by explorers determined by trade during the period from 1445 to 1570?

[20]

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(a) Which of the following was more important in encouraging exploration?

(i) Technological change

(ii) Internal developments in Portugal and Spain

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**.

[10]

(b)* 'The settlement of Brazil was the most significant feature of Portuguese expansion during the period from 1445 to 1570.'

How far do you agree?

[20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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