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OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Thursday 12 June 2025 – Morning

A Level History A

**Y205/01 Exploration, Encounters and
Empire 1445–1570**

**Time allowed: 1 hour
plus your additional time allowance**

**YOU MUST HAVE:
the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet**

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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 (*).

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]

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