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A Level History A

Y201/01 The Rise of Islam c.550–750

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 **2** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was more important in the government of 'Abd al-Malik?

(i) His policy of centralisation

(ii) The role of his family

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

[10]

(b)* Assess the reasons why Uthman ibn Affan was murdered in 656.

[20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was more important in the spread of Islam?

(i) Arab victory in the Ridda wars

(ii) Expansion into Persia

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

[10]

(b)* 'The most important factor in the development of the Arab world in the period from c.550 to 620 was the impact of the decline of the Byzantine and Sassanian Empires.' How far do you agree?

[20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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