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A Level History A

Y201/01 The Rise of Islam c.550–750

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Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

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

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the success of Abu Bakr?

(i) Continuation of the traditions of the Prophet

(ii) Conquests in Arabia

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

(b)* How successfully did Mu'awiya maintain the power of the Caliphate? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the increasing significance of Mecca in the period up to 620?

(i) External circumstances

(ii) Trade

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

(b)* Assess the reasons for the unpopularity of the rule of Uthman ibn Affan after 650. [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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