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**Friday 16 October 2020 – Afternoon**

**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 **2** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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

- 1 (a) Which of the following results of the Spanish conquests had the greater impact on the indigenous peoples?

- (i) Changes to the social system
- (ii) The introduction of the Catholic religion

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

- (b)\* 'The economic impact of overseas empire on Europe before 1570 was more positive than negative.' How far do you agree? [20]

**OR**

- 2 (a) Which of the following results of overseas conquests was of greater importance for the Spanish and Portuguese monarchies?

- (i) Political power
- (ii) Wealth

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

- (b)\* 'Limited methods of navigation were the most important difficulty faced by explorers on their journeys overseas.' How far do you agree? [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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