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**A Level History A**

**Y208/01 Philip II 1556–1598**

**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 was a more significant priority for Philip II in his foreign policy?

- (i) Defence
- (ii) Expansion

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

(b)\* 'The weaknesses of Spain were more significant than the strengths of the Dutch rebels in explaining why Spain struggled to restore its authority in the Netherlands in the period from 1572 to 1598.' How far do you agree? [20]

**OR**

2 (a) Which of the following had a greater impact on reform of the Spanish Church during the reign of Philip II?

- (i) The Tridentine decrees
- (ii) The Inquisition

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

(b)\* 'France was a more significant foreign policy priority for Philip II than any other country or region.' How far do you agree? [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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