

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

- 1*** 'Tamerlane's rule was nothing more than a period of terror and vicious conquests.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

OR

- 2*** Assess the impact of the Mongol invasions on the west. **[30]**

SECTION B

- 3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'The Mongol empire fell prey to alien cultures, to the disparity between their way of life and the needs of the empire and to the size of their domain, which proved too large to hold together.'

Robert L. Worden and A. Savada, *Mongolia: A Country Study* (1989)

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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