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AS Level History A

Unit Y238

Philip II 1556–1598

Sample Question Paper

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- 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 **4** pages.

Section A

Answer **ONE** question

EITHER

- 1*** 'Royal finances were the most serious problem for Philip II in his rule of Spain.' How far do you agree?

[30]

OR

- 2*** To what extent was Philip II responsible for the problems he faced in the Netherlands in the 1560s?

[30]

Section B

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

'A global strategic vision clearly underlay initiatives undertaken by Philip's government.'

G. Parker, *The Grand Strategy*, 2000

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation of Philip II's foreign policy, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied.

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