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**Friday 15 October 2021 – Afternoon**

**A Level History A**

**Y201/01 The Rise of Islam c.550–750**

**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.

## 2

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

1 (a) Which of the following contributed more to the expansion of Islam under Umar ibn al-Khattab?

(i) The treatment of non-Muslims

(ii) The fall of Damascus and Jerusalem

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

(b)\* How far was the dominance of Mecca c.570–620 the result of trade? [20]

**OR**

2 (a) Which of the following had the greater effect on pre-Islamic Arabia?

(i) Religious beliefs

(ii) Tribalism

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

(b)\* 'Internal feuding was the cause of the decline of the Umayyad Empire.' How far do you agree? [20]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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