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# A Level History A

## Unit Y205

### Exploration, Encounters and Empire 1445–1570

Sample Question Paper

## Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour



#### 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.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and Answer all parts of the question.
- 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 **30**.
- 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.

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1, or all of Question 2.

**1 (a)** Which of the following was of greater importance as a reason for overseas exploration in the period from 1445–1570?

- (i) Patronage
- (ii) Religion

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

[10]

**1 (b)\*** 'Individuals were the most important factor in the conquest of the New World.' How far do you agree?

[20]

OR

**2 (a)** Which of the following was of greater importance as a reason why the Portuguese were able to discover new trade routes in this period?

- (i) Ship design
- (ii) The skills of individual explorers

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

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**2 (b)\*** To what extent did the settlement of overseas empires bring benefits to the conquered peoples?

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