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A Level History A

Unit Y211

The Rise and Decline of the Mughal Empire in India 1526–1739

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 contributed more to the difficulties faced by Aurangzeb during his reign from 1658 to 1707?

- (i) His religious policies
- (ii) His campaigns in the Deccan?

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

[10]

1 (b)* 'Akbar's greatness lies mainly in the changes he made to the government and administration of Mughal India.' How far do you agree?

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OR

2 (a) Which of the following was more significant in the rise to power of Babur?

- (i) His military strengths
- (ii) The weaknesses of his enemies

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

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2 (b)* To what extent did the policies of Aurangzeb lead to subsequent Mughal decline by 1739?

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