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A Level History A

Y301/01 The Early Anglo-Saxons c.400–800

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



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.
- Answer the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- 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 **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

SECTION A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

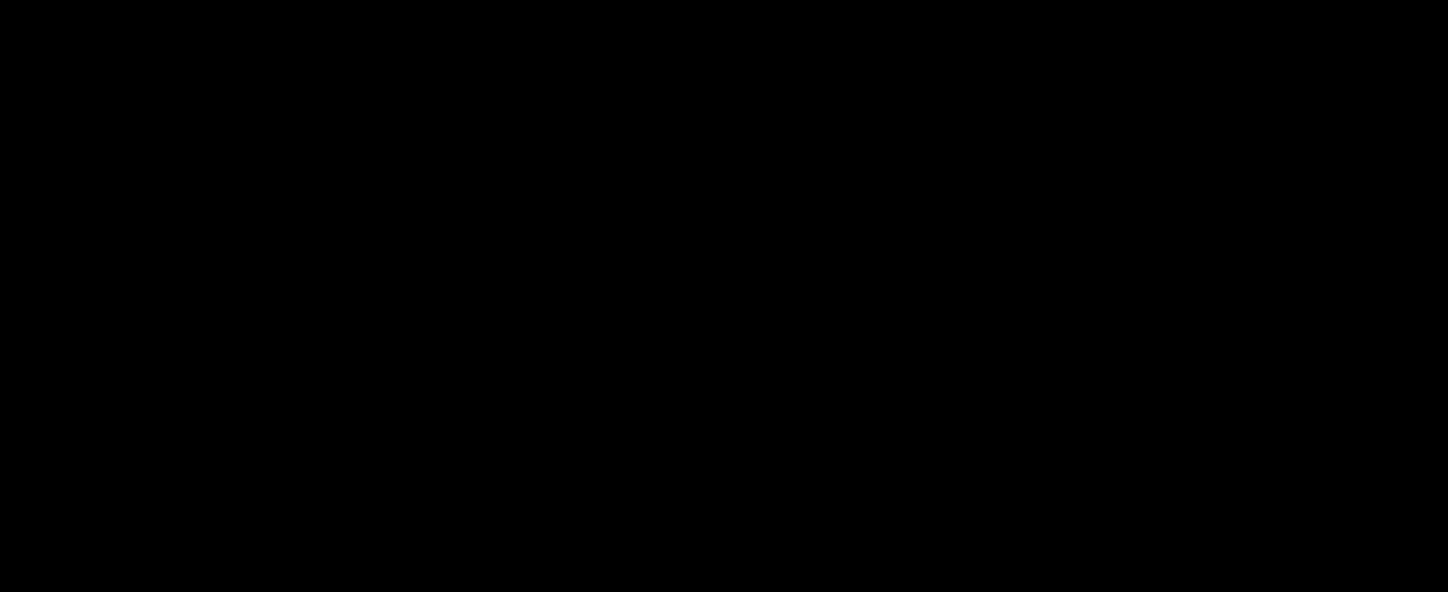
- 1 Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the role of Offa in the development of the Mercian supremacy.

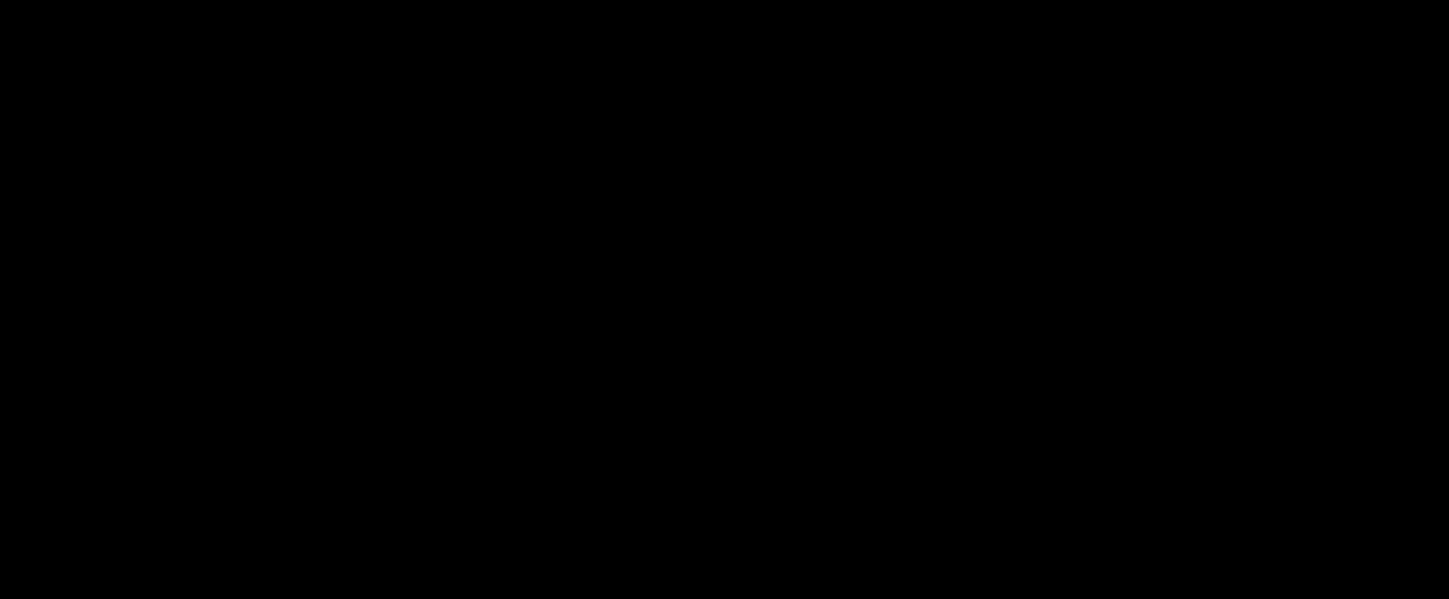
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Passage A

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**Passage B**

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3**SECTION B**

Answer any **two** questions.

2* Assess the reasons for the expansion of early Anglo-Saxon kingdoms during the period from c.400 to 800. **[25]**

3* 'Religious belief and practice in Britain and Ireland before Augustine's arrival in 597 was very different to that in the period from 597 to 800.'

How far do you agree? **[25]**

4* 'The similarities in the literature of the period from c.400 to 800 are much greater than their differences.'

How far do you agree? **[25]**

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