

## Friday 23 May 2025 – Morning

## A Level History A

## Y311/01 The Origins and Growth of the British Empire 1558–1783

**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.

## 2

## 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 consequences of rebellions in the American colonies in the late seventeenth century. **[30]**

**Passage A**

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**Passage B**

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**3****Section B**

Answer any **two** questions.

**2\*** To what extent did imperial priorities change in the period from 1558 to 1783? **[25]**

**3\*** How far did the nature of colonial rule change in the period from 1558 to 1783? **[25]**

**4\*** 'The most important impact of the British Empire on its emerging colonies in the period from 1558 to 1783 was population change.'

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

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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