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- 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 in Abu Bakr's victory in the Ridda Wars?

- (i) The strength of the Muslim forces
- (ii) The weakness of Abu Bakr's enemies

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

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1 (b)* 'The weaknesses of the Byzantine and Sassanian Empires were the most important reason for the emergence of the Islamic Empire.' How far do you agree?

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OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the decline of the Umayyad Empire?

- (i) The strength of the Abbasids
- (ii) The internal weaknesses of the Umayyads

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

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2 (b)* How successful was the rule of the caliphate of Uthman ibn Affan in the period from 644 to 656?

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