Answer EITHER all of Question 1 OR all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the structure of Arabia?

(i) Arab military strength

(ii) The influence of tribalism

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

(b)* How successfully did ‘Abd al-Malik expand the Umayyad Empire?

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in the success of Umar ibn al-Khattab?

(i) The treatment of non-Muslims

(ii) The fall of Jerusalem and Damascus

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

(b)* Assess the reasons why pre-Islamic Arabia proved so receptive to Islam.