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A Level History A

Y211/01 The Rise and Decline of the Mughal Empire in India
1526–1739

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Time allowed: 1 hour



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- 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 barcodes.

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 **2** pages.

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

1 (a) Which helped Akbar more in gaining success as emperor?

- (i) His personality
- (ii) His military strengths

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

(b)* 'Jahangir made the most significant contribution to the development of the Mughal Empire in the period from 1605 to 1656.' How far do you agree? [20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following had the greatest impact on the foundation of the Mughal Empire from 1526 to 1556?

- (i) The defeat of Ibrahim Lodi at Panipat (1526)
- (ii) The rule of Sher Shah

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii). [10]

(b)* 'Akbar's greatest achievement was to stimulate economic growth.' How far do you agree? [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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