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A Level History A

Y208/01 Philip II 1556–1598

Time allowed: 1 hour

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.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- 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.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following was the greater problem for Philip II?

(i) Relations with the Papacy

(ii) Moriscos

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

(b)* 'The military ability of leaders was the most important factor in determining the outcomes of revolt in the Netherlands during the reign of Philip II.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

2

(a) Which of the following were the greater challenge to the government of Spain during the reign of Philip II?

(i) Law and order

(ii) Finances and the economy

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

(b)* 'The victory at Lepanto (1571) was Philip II's greatest foreign policy achievement.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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