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A Level History A

Y212/01 The American Revolution 1740–1796

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 a greater threat to the British in North America in 1740?

(i) French colonies

(ii) Spanish colonies

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

(b)* How serious were the problems facing the early Republic in the period from 1783 to 1789? **[20]**

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(a) Which of the following was of greater importance in bringing about the defeat of the British in the American Revolution?

(i) The quality of British military leadership

(ii) The role of George Washington

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

(b)* Assess the reasons why relations between Britain and the American colonies deteriorated in the period from 1763 to 1775. **[20]**

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