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A Level History A

Y302/01 The Viking Age c.790–1066

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

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.
- Answer the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- 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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Section A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

1 Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of the origins and growth of Viking Dublin. **[30]**

Passage A

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Passage B

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Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* ‘Throughout the period from c.790 to 1066, the payment of Danegeld was the most effective response to Viking raids on England.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

3* ‘Throughout the period from c.790 to 1066, farming made the most important contribution to Viking livelihood in Scandinavia.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

4* ‘Religion, more than anything else, defined Viking culture throughout the period from c.790 to 1066.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

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