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A Level History A

Y304/01 The Church and Medieval Heresy c.1100–1437

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 then 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 significance of the Council of Basle (1431–1436) and the Compacts of 1436. **[30]**

Passage A

Adapted from Malcolm Lambert, Medieval Heresy: Popular Movements from the Gregorian Reform to the Reformation, pages 364, 366-7, 368, 369, 370, Blackwell Publishing, 2002. From first line "It seemed that almost every factor tended to divide the moderate and radical Hussites." to last line "The Huss

Passage B

Adapted from Denys Hay, Europe in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries, pages 239-241, 349, 351, 352, Longman, 1989. From first line "The condemnation of Huss at the Council of Constance (1415) unleashed a national movement and encouraged millenarian religious excitement." to last line

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* ‘The Lollards were typical of heretical movements in the period from c.1100 to 1437.’ **[25]**

How far do you agree?

3* ‘Support for heretical movements in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries was similar to that in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.’

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

4* ‘Bernard of Clairvaux made the most important contribution to the maintenance of church authority in the period from c.1100 to 1437.’

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

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