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A Level History A

Y307/01 Tudor Foreign Policy 1485–1603

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 significance of English naval power in the defeat of the Spanish Armada. **[30]**

Passage A

Adapted from John Warren, Elizabeth I: Religion and Foreign Affairs, p107-8, Hodder & Stoughton, 2002. From first line "The Armada faced a formidable opponent in the English fleet." to last line "but Medina Sidonia had no choice but to pull his fleet out of the fight." Item removed due to third party c

Passage B

Adapted from Stephen J. Lee, The Reign of Elizabeth I: 1558–1603, p103, Routledge, 2007. From first line "In contrast to the situation on land, England's sea power had made substantial gains." to last line "But it was the Spanish decision to anchor in Calais which made this possible." Item removed due to

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* ‘Marriage was the most important means by which Tudors conducted their foreign policy.’

How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1485 to 1603? **[25]**

3* ‘Scotland rather than France presented the greater threat to England’s security in the period from 1485 to 1603.’

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

4* Assess the impact of foreign relations on English dynastic and political affairs in the period from 1485 to 1603. **[25]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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