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A Level History A

Y320/01 From Colonialism to Independence: The British Empire 1857–1965

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 rise of Nationalism in Kenya during the period from 1945 to 1965. **[30]**

Passage A

© Piers Brendon, The Decline and Fall of the British Empire, 1781-1997, p545-6, Vintage, 2008. From first line "African opposition to colonial rule in Kenya had been smouldering ever since the advent of European settlers," to last line "It appointed native chiefs who would co-operate with them, dividing Africans

Passage B

© Hourly History. Mau Mau Rebellion: A History from Beginning to End, p3-6, Independently published, 2020. From first line "The British were not a welcome presence in the region." to last line "This led many Kenyans to realise that they were supporting a foreign class living much better than they were a

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* ‘Gandhi had more impact than any other nationalist leader in the British Empire during the period from 1857 to 1965.’

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

3* ‘Famine was the most important impact of the British Empire on the periphery.’

How far do you agree with this view of the period from 1857 to 1965? **[25]**

4* ‘European rivalry over the British Empire was greater during the period from 1857 to 1914 than during the period from 1914 to 1965.’

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

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