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A Level History A

Y208/01 Philip II 1556–1598

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 more successful in Philip II's rule of Spain?

(i) Financial policies

(ii) Achieving 'absolutism'

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

(b)* 'The most important aim of Philip II's religious policies was to defeat heresy.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

2

(a) Which of the following had the greater impact upon Philip II's foreign policy?

(i) Relations with England

(ii) Relations with France

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

(b)* 'The revolts of the Moriscos and of Aragon never seriously threatened Philip II's authority.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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