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## AS Level History A

**Y237** The German Reformation and the rule of Charles V 1500–1559

**Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

**SECTION A**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 1\*** How far was Charles V responsible for the failure to restore Catholic authority in Germany in the years 1530–1555? **[30]**
- 2\*** How far do you agree that financial difficulties were the main factor limiting Charles V's success against the Ottomans in the years 1520–1559? **[30]**

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**SECTION B**

**3** Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

‘The spread of the new religious ideas throughout Germany has long been attributed to the influence of the printing press. The views of Luther became accessible to a mass reading public almost as soon as they were written.’

J.A.P. Jones, *Europe 1500–1600*, 1997

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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