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# AS Level History A

Y238 Philip II 1556–1598

**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\*** 'Essentially defensive.' How far do you agree with this view of Philip's foreign policy 1556–1598? **[30]**
- 2\*** To what extent were financial difficulties to blame for Spain's failure to crush the Revolt of the Netherlands by 1598? **[30]**

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**SECTION B**

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

'The Inquisition: a bench of monks, diving into the secrets of every fireside, judging and executing its horrible decrees and practising torture without responsibility.'

John Motley, *The Rise of the Dutch Republic*, 1856

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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