

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
AS GCE**

**F961/01**

**HISTORY A**

**British History Period Studies**

**Option A: Medieval and Early Modern  
1035–1642**

**WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2013: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

**MODIFIED ENLARGED 18pt**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any TWO questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087
  - Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509
  - Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558
  - Church and State 1529–1589
  - England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603
  - The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642
- There are eighteen questions, three for each study topic. Answer any TWO questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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**Answer any TWO questions.**

**FROM ANGLO SAXON ENGLAND TO NORMAN ENGLAND  
1035–1087**

- 1 Assess the effect of Norman influence in England during the reign of Edward the Confessor. [50]**
- 2 Assess the reasons why William I was more successful than Harold in securing his claim to the English throne. [50]**
- 3 Assess the reasons why rebellions against William I were unsuccessful. [50]**

**LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509**

- 4 ‘Richard III was an able ruler.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 5 How dangerous were Yorkist plots to Henry VII? [50]**
- 6 ‘The avoidance of war was the most important aim of Henry VII’s foreign policy.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

## **HENRY VIII TO MARY I, 1509–1558**

- 7 Henry VIII failed to achieve his aims as king in the period 1509–1529. How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 To what extent did Thomas Cromwell achieve his aims in government in the 1530s? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why there was opposition to the rule of both Somerset and Northumberland. [50]**

## **CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589**

- 10 ‘England was a more Protestant country at the death of Edward VI than at his accession in 1547.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 11 ‘The strength of Protestantism was the most important factor that influenced the religious settlement of 1558–9.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 12 How effectively did Elizabeth I deal with the threat from Catholics to 1589? [50]**

## **ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I, 1558–1603**

- 13 'The most serious problems facing Elizabeth I in 1558 were religious.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 14 'Parliamentary privilege was the most important cause of problems between Elizabeth I and Parliament.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 15 Assess the reasons why the issue of the succession caused so many problems for Elizabeth I throughout her reign. [50]**

## **THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1603–1642**

- 16 To what extent did James I face religious opposition? [50]**
- 17 Assess the reasons why Charles I's Personal Rule (1629–40) became widely unpopular in England. [50]**
- 18 Assess the importance of the Long Parliament in bringing about Civil War in 1642. [50]**

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