

Wednesday 16 January 2013 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY B

F981/01 Historical Explanation – British History

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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 **one** question. Each question is in two parts. Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 **50**.
- This paper contains questions on the following four Options:
 - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85 (page 2)
 - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 3)
 - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 4)
 - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 5)
- Each Option has 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.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

1 Preparation for Civil War, 1450–55

(a) Why were the English expelled from their French possessions? [25]

(b) Why did fighting break out at St Albans in 1455? [25]

or

2 The Wars of the Roses, 1455–85

(a) Why were factional struggles important during the period 1455–85? [25]

(b) Why did civil war have an effect on aspects of the economy, society and culture of England during the period 1455–85? [25]

Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

3 The struggle with Spain

(a) Why did Philip II launch the Spanish Armada in 1588? [25]

(b) Why did Elizabeth succeed in dealing with the Jesuit threat? [25]

or

4 Cultural Renaissance: *Gloriana* and the Cult of Majesty

(a) Why was there a positive reaction by both rich and poor to the flowering of the arts in Elizabeth's reign? [25]

(b) Why was there a cult of *Gloriana* during Elizabeth's reign? [25]

Liberal Sunset: the rise and fall of 'New Liberalism', 1890–1922

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

5 Socialism, Trade Unionism and the Rise of Labour c.1890–1906

(a) Why was Socialism becoming more popular around 1900? [25]

(b) Why was the increasing appeal of Socialism important for political parties? [25]

or

6 War, Disunity and Collapse: 1914–22

(a) Why was Asquith a poor war leader? [25]

(b) Why did Lloyd George lose the position of Prime Minister in 1922? [25]

The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

7 Wilson's Labour Governments (1964–70): consensus devalued

(a) Why did the Labour governments from 1964 to 1970 face social and economic difficulties? **[25]**

(b) Why was the victory of the Conservative Party in the 1970 election unexpected? **[25]**

or

8 The Heath Government (1970–74): the beginning of the end of consensus

(a) Why did Heath introduce internment in Northern Ireland in 1971? **[25]**

(b) Why did the Conservative Party lose the General Election of February 1974? **[25]**

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