

Wednesday 22 May 2013 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY A

F961/01 British History Period Studies
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(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 any **two** questions.
- 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 **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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

From Anglo–Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087

- 1 How important a role did the Godwin family play in the reign of Edward the Confessor? [50]
- 2 Assess the strength of William of Normandy's claim to succeed Edward the Confessor as king. [50]
- 3 'England was not a feudal state by 1087.' How far do you agree? [50]

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509

- 4 How successful was Edward IV in restoring royal authority by 1470? [50]
- 5 How successful was Henry VII in strengthening royal finances? [50]
- 6 'Henry VII's foreign policy achieved little.' How far do you agree? [50]

Henry VIII to Mary I, 1509–1558

- 7 Assess the reasons for Wolsey's rise to power. [50]
- 8 Assess the reasons why England went to war with France and Scotland in the period from 1540 to 1547. [50]
- 9 'Mary I's rule of England was a complete failure.' How far do you agree? [50]

Church and State 1529–1589

- 10 'The Church in England in 1529 still had widespread popular support.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 11 How successfully did Elizabeth I resist the demands of the Puritans to 1589? [50]
- 12 Assess the reasons why support for Catholicism declined during the reign of Elizabeth I to 1589. [50]

England under Elizabeth I, 1558–1603

- 13 How effectively did Elizabeth I control her ministers? [50]
- 14 How far did the issue of marriage and succession affect Elizabeth I's foreign policy from 1558 to 1587? [50]
- 15 How powerful was Elizabeth I at the end of her reign? [50]

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War, 1603–1642

- 16 How far were James I's financial problems of his own making? [50]
- 17 'The breakdown of Charles I's Personal Rule in 1640 was sudden and unexpected.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 'The aims of the parliamentary opposition to Charles I remained the same from the meeting of the Short Parliament in 1640 to the outbreak of civil war in 1642.' How far do you agree? [50]

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