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AS GCE HISTORY B

F981/01 Historical Explanation – British History

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 **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 Study Topics:
 - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–1485 (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 1945–1990 (page 5)
- Each Study Topic 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, 1437–1485

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

Answer **either**

1 Preparation for Civil War, 1450–1455

(a) Why did Cade's Rebellion happen? [25]

(b) Why did the First Battle of St Albans (1455) happen? [25]

or

2 Edward IV's Second Reign, 1471–1483

(a) Why was Edward IV able to restore the authority of the Crown in the period from 1471 to 1483? [25]

(b) Why was it difficult for Edward IV to plan for the succession? [25]

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

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

Answer **either**

3 Catholics and Puritans: the Religious Settlement of 1558–9 and its aftermath

(a) Why were Catholics dissatisfied with the religious settlement of 1558–9? [25]

(b) Why was there little opposition to the religious settlement by the end of Elizabeth's reign? [25]

or

4 The Growth and Treatment of Poverty in Elizabethan England

(a) Why did the poor cause a threat to law and order in Elizabeth's reign? [25]

(b) Why were the attitudes of the authorities to poverty and vagrancy at the end of Elizabeth's reign different from those at the beginning? [25]

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

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

Answer **either**

5 The Liberal Reforms: 1906–14

(a) Why did the 'New Liberals' turn away from Gladstonian Liberalism? [25]

(b) Why did the House of Lords reject the 'People's Budget' in 1909? [25]

or

6 Women and the Vote: 1900–1918

(a) Why did the WSPU choose militant action? [25]

(b) Why was the vote not given to all women in 1918? [25]

The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–1990

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

Answer **either**

7 The Heath Government (1970–1974): the beginning of the end of consensus

(a) Why did the Heath Government break with the post-war consensus? [25]

(b) Why did the policies of the Heath Government divide public opinion? [25]

or

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–1990): triumph and fall

(a) Why did some people support the domestic policies of the Thatcher Governments of the period 1983–1990? [25]

(b) Why, by 1990, had Thatcher lost support within the Conservative Party? [25]

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