

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning

AS GCE HISTORY B

F981 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 did Cade's Rebellion occur in 1450? [25]

(b) Why did Henry VI become unfit to rule? [25]

or

2 Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–85

(a) Why were there difficulties in the relationships between Richard of Gloucester and his brothers, Edward IV and the Duke of Clarence? [25]

(b) Why was Richard III defeated at Bosworth in 1485? [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 did Catholics cause problems for Elizabeth? [25]

(b) Why did Elizabeth's Religious Settlement survive, despite opposition? [25]

or

4 The struggle with Spain

(a) Why did Elizabeth and Philip II hold different values and beliefs? [25]

(b) Why was the Spanish Armada defeated? [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' mark a break with the Liberalism of Gladstone? [25]

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

or

6 The Problem of Ireland 1912–22

(a) Why did Home Rule no longer satisfy an increasing number of Irishmen after 1914? [25]

(b) Why did the Easter Rising of 1916 fail? [25]

The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90

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

Answer **either**

7 The Macmillan Years (1957–64): consensus confirmed

(a) Why did Macmillan claim in 1957 that ‘most of our people have never had it so good’? [25]

(b) Why did Macmillan resign in 1963? [25]

or

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–90): triumph and fall

(a) Why did Thatcher say in 1987 that ‘there is no such thing as society’? [25]

(b) Why did Thatcher resign in November 1990? [25]

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