

**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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