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AS Level History A

Y135 England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

The Wars of the Roses 1445–1461

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 Use your knowledge of the career and character of Richard, Duke of York, to assess how useful Source C is as evidence of the motives for his return to England in 1460. **[10]**
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the problem of an over-mighty nobility was the main cause of the outbreak of the Wars of the Roses. **[20]**

Source A: An extract from a speech given by Richard, Duke of York to the citizens of Shrewsbury in 1452.

It is well known unto you what admiration was ascribed of all nations to the people of this realm, whilst the kingdom's sovereign lord stood possessed of his lordship in France ... and what villainy is reported generally unto the English for loss of the same. The Duke of Somerset had the command ... and encouraged the king's enemies to conquer. The said Duke ever dominates and rules about the king's person, that by this means the land is likely to be destroyed.

Richard, Duke of York, *Speech* 1452

Source B: A chronicler gives his view of the year 1459.

In this same time the realm of England was out of all good governance as it had been many days before, for the King was simple and led by greedy counsel, and owed more than he was worth. His debts increased daily but payment there was none. All the possessions and lordships that belonged to the crown the King had given away.

An English Chronicle, 1459

Source C: A chronicler records opinions on the motives behind the return of Richard, Duke of York from exile in Ireland to England in 1460.

When the Duke of York returned from Ireland to the kingdom of England, landing ... near Chester, there were varied and different rumours amongst the people about his return. Some said his arrival was peaceful, and that he intended nothing else than to restore harmony among the quarrelling lords of the kingdom, and bring peace by his authority everywhere ... and reform it. But others, amongst whom were the older and wiser in mind, suspected that he was going to be argumentative against the lord king for the right of the royal crown and claim the throne by hereditary right.

Whethamstede's Chronicle, 1460

SECTION B**England 1461–1509**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 3*** 'Richard of Gloucester was only able to seize the throne in 1483 because of the mistakes made by Edward IV during his reign'. How far do you agree? **[20]**
- 4*** How successful was the domestic policy of Henry VII? **[20]**

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