

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**

**HISTORY B**

Historical Explanation – British History

**F981**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet

**Other Materials Required:**

None

**Thursday 14 January 2010**  
**Afternoon**

**Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- This paper contains questions on the following four Options:
  - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85
  - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603
  - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of 'New Liberalism', 1890–1922
  - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90
- Each Option has two questions.
- Answer **one** question. Each question is in two parts. Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.
- Every question is marked out of **50**.
- 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)** How would you best explain Richard of York's political ambitions? [25]

**(b)** Why was Queen Margaret of Anjou influential in the period 1450–55? [25]

**or**

**2** Edward IV and Warwick, 1461–71

**(a)** How would you best explain the influence of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, in the period 1461–71? [25]

**(b)** Why was Edward IV able to return to the throne in 1471? [25]

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

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**3** The problem posed by Mary Queen of Scots

(a) Why did Mary Queen of Scots give up the Scottish throne in 1567? [25]

(b) Why was Mary Queen of Scots executed in 1587? [25]

**or**

**4** The Governance of Elizabethan England

(a) How would you best explain the relationship between Elizabeth and her parliaments? [25]

(b) Why were court factions important in Elizabethan politics? [25]

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

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**5** New Liberalism: the 1906 General Election

**(a)** Why did Joseph Chamberlain support tariff reform? [25]

**(b)** Why did the Liberal Party win the General Election of 1906? [25]

**or**

**6** War, Disunity and Collapse: 1914–22

**(a)** Why was Asquith replaced as Prime Minister in 1916? [25]

**(b)** How would you best explain the poor record of the Coalition Government between 1918 and 1922? [25]

**The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**7** The Post-War Labour Government (1945–51): the beginning of consensus

**(a)** Why by 1945 did most people agree that the Labour Party was right to want social and economic change? [25]

**(b)** Why did the Labour Government agree to the independence of India? [25]

**or**

**8** The Heath Government (1970–74): the beginning of the end of consensus

**(a)** How would you best explain the introduction of internment in Northern Ireland in 1971? [25]

**(b)** Why did the Conservatives lose power in 1974? [25]





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