

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**  
**F961/01**  
**HISTORY**

**British History Period Studies**  
**Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642**

**THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2010: Afternoon**  
**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **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.
- Answer any **TWO** questions.

## **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 **100**.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087
  - Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509
  - Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558
  - Church and State 1529–1589
  - England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603
  - The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642
- There are eighteen questions, three for each study topic. Answer any **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.

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**Answer any TWO questions.**

**FROM ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND TO NORMAN ENGLAND  
1035–1087**

- 1 How far was Edward the Confessor's personality the MOST important cause of the problems he faced as king of England? [50]**
  
- 2 'Military factors were the MOST important reason for William of Normandy's success at the Battle of Hastings.' How far do you agree? [50]**
  
- 3 To what extent did William I change the government and administration of England? [50]**

**LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509**

- 4 How successful was Richard III's government of England? [50]**
  
- 5 How effectively did Henry VII deal with England's domestic problems? [50]**
  
- 6 'Marriage agreements were the MOST important achievement of Henry VII's foreign policy.' How far do you agree? [50]**

## **HENRY VIII TO MARY I 1509–1558**

- 7 How successful were Wolsey's domestic policies? [50]**
- 8 How far did Tudor government and administration change in the 1530s? [50]**
- 9 How effectively did the governments of Edward VI and Mary I deal with unrest? [50]**

## **CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589**

- 10 How important was Thomas Cromwell in influencing religious policy in the 1530s? [50]**
- 11 How much support was there for Protestantism in England in 1558 and 1559? [50]**
- 12 How successfully did Elizabeth I deal with the Catholic challenge from 1559 to 1589? [50]**

## ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I 1558–1603

- 13 How important was the Privy Council in the government of England during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]
- 14 ‘Inflation was the MOST serious financial problem facing Elizabeth I and her government.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 15 How successful was Elizabeth I in dealing with the issue of the succession during her reign? [50]

## THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1603–1642

- 16 Assess the reasons why financial issues caused conflict between James I and his parliaments. [50]
- 17 ‘Charles I’s desire for financial independence from parliament was the MOST important reason for the establishment of personal rule in 1629.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 To what extent was Charles I’s personal rule the MOST important cause of the outbreak of Civil War in England in 1642? [50]

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