

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE

HISTORY A

British History Period Studies

Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

F961/01

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

**Tuesday 17 May 2011
Morning**

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.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- 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 **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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087

- 1 How successfully did Edward the Confessor deal with the problems he faced? [50]
- 2 'Harold's mistakes were the most important reason for Norman success at the Battle of Hastings.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 How far did William I change the government of England? [50]

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509

- 4 Assess the reasons why Henry VI lost his throne. [50]
- 5 Assess the reasons why Richard III was able to secure the throne in 1483. [50]
- 6 How effectively did Henry VII handle the nobility? [50]

Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558

- 7 'The most important reason for Wolsey's fall from power was his failure to obtain a divorce for Henry VIII.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 8 To what extent did Thomas Cromwell's reforms change the government and administration of England? [50]
- 9 'The most serious problems facing the governments of Somerset and Northumberland were social and economic.' How far do you agree? [50]

Church and State 1529–1589

- 10 Assess the condition of the Church in England in 1529. [50]
- 11 How successful was Mary I in restoring Catholicism to England by 1558? [50]
- 12 How effectively did Elizabeth and her bishops deal with the Puritan challenge from 1558 to 1589? [50]

England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603

- 13 How serious were the problems faced by Elizabeth in 1558? [50]
- 14 How effectively did Elizabeth I handle the issue of succession during her reign? [50]
- 15 'The popularity of Elizabeth and her government declined seriously in the period after 1588.' How far do you agree? [50]

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642

- 16 How serious were the religious divisions in England during the reign of James I? [50]
- 17 Assess the reasons why Charles I embarked on personal rule in 1629. [50]
- 18 'The events of 1629–1640 were more important in causing the Civil War than those of 1640–1642.' How far do you agree? [50]

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