

**ADVANCED 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

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Morning**

**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. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- 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 1945–1990
- 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** The personal rule of Henry VI to 1450

**(a)** Why did rivalries between groups of nobles become so important during the personal rule of Henry VI? [25]

**(b)** Why did the personality of Henry VI cause difficulties up to 1450? [25]

**or**

**2** Edward IV's Second Reign, 1471–83

**(a)** How can the restoration of royal authority by Edward IV in the period from 1471 to 1483 be best explained? [25]

**(b)** Why did France, Burgundy and Scotland pose threats to the kingdom of Edward IV? [25]

**Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**3** The struggle with Spain

(a) Why did Philip II want to overthrow Elizabeth? [25]

(b) Why was the Spanish Armada defeated? [25]

**or**

**4** The growth and treatment of poverty in Elizabethan England

(a) Why was poverty a problem in Elizabethan England? [25]

(b) Why were both local and central government anxious to suppress vagrancy? [25]

**Liberal Sunset – The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’ 1890–1922**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**5** The Liberal reforms: 1906–14

**(a)** Why did the House of Lords reject the Budget of 1909? [25]

**(b)** Why was a constitutional crisis narrowly averted in 1914? [25]

**or**

**6** New Liberalism: The 1906 General Election

**(a)** Why did the Boer War affect attitudes in Britain towards imperialism? [25]

**(b)** How is the result of the General Election of 1906 best explained? [25]

**The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–1990**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question

Answer **either**

**7** The Macmillan years (1957–64): consensus confirmed

**(a)** Why did Macmillan decide to carry out the so-called 'Night of the Long Knives' in July 1962? [25]

**(b)** Why did Macmillan resign in October 1964? [25]

**or**

**8** The Thatcher Revolution (1979-83): the end of consensus

**(a)** Why did 'Thatcherism' become popular between 1979 and 1983? [25]

**(b)** Why was there civil unrest in the early 1980s? [25]





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