

Monday 16 January 2012 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY B

F981 Historical Explanation – British History

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

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.
- Answer **one** question. Each question is in two parts. Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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 **50**.
- This paper contains questions on the following four Options:
 - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85 (page 2)
 - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 3)
 - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 4)
 - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 5)
- Each Option has 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 **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 the achievement of his majority in 1437 cause problems for Henry VI's kingship up to 1450? **[25]**

(b) Why did the Earl of Suffolk's rise to power cause problems for Henry VI up to 1450? **[25]**

or

2 The Wars of the Roses, 1455–85

(a) Why did rivalry between Lancaster and York lead to war in 1455? **[25]**

(b) Why did Margaret of Anjou play an important role in politics in the period after 1455? **[25]**

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

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

3 The problem of men and marriage

(a) Why was Elizabeth under pressure to marry? [25]

(b) Why did Elizabeth refuse to marry? [25]

or

4 The Growth and Treatment of Poverty in Elizabethan England

(a) Why did the number of poor increase during the period 1558–1603? [25]

(b) Why were attitudes to poverty and vagrancy in Elizabethan England so varied? [25]

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

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

5 Socialism, Trade Unionism and the Rise of Labour c.1890–1906

(a) Why did trade unions enjoy both successes and failures during the period up to 1906? [25]

(b) Why was the Labour Representation Committee formed? [25]

or

6 Women and the Vote: 1900–1918

(a) Why did some people oppose women's suffrage between 1900 and 1918? [25]

(b) Why did some women gain the vote in 1918? [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 was a political, social and economic consensus emerging during the years 1945–51? [25]

(b) Why was there opposition to the establishment of a National Health Service? [25]

or

8 Wilson's Labour Governments (1964–70): consensus devalued

(a) Why did Callaghan decide to devalue the pound in November 1967? [25]

(b) Why did the Conservatives win the General Election of 1970? [25]

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