

Wednesday 22 May 2013 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY B

F981/01 Historical Explanation – British History

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(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 Edward IV and Warwick, 1461–71

(a) Why was Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, important to Edward IV? [25]

(b) Why was Edward IV deposed in 1470? [25]

or

2 Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–85

(a) Why were Richard's achievements as Duke of Gloucester important? [25]

(b) Why did Richard act so quickly to establish control over his nephews on the death of Edward IV? [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 consistently maintain her claim to the English throne? [25]

(b) Why did the Babington Plot lead to the execution of Mary Queen of Scots? [25]

or

4 The Governance of Elizabethan England

(a) Why was there tension between Elizabeth and her Parliaments? [25]

(b) Why did opposition to Elizabeth from her Council and Parliament always fall short of open revolt? [25]

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

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

Answer **either**

5 The problem of Ireland 1912–22

(a) Why did many Irish people support Home Rule by 1914? [25]

(b) Why did the Easter Rising of 1916 have important consequences for Ireland? [25]

or

6 War, Disunity and Collapse: 1914–22

(a) Why was Lloyd George a more effective war leader than Asquith? [25]

(b) Why did the Coalition Government continue after the end of the war? [25]

The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90

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

Answer **either**

7 The Macmillan Years (1957–64): consensus confirmed

(a) Why did the Conservatives win the General Election of 1959? [25]

(b) Why had the Conservative government lost popular support by 1964? [25]

or

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–90): triumph and fall

(a) Why did the Thatcher government face opposition from the miners? [25]

(b) Why did Thatcher face opposition from within her own party? [25]

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