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AS Level History A

Y132 Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest
1035–1107

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Norman England 1087–1107

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 Use your knowledge of William II ‘Rufus’s’ views about the Church to assess how useful Source A is as evidence for how he exploited the Church. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that William II ‘Rufus’ saw the Church as an enemy. [20]

Source A: Part of an assessment of William II ‘Rufus’ written shortly after he died.

He humbled God’s Church. He either sold or held in his own hands and let for money all the lands belonging to bishoprics or abbeys which became vacant. He claimed to be the heir of every man, both of the clergy and laity. On the day that he died he had in his own hand the archbishopric of Canterbury with the bishopric of Winchester and that of Salisbury, all let for rent. All that was loathsome to God was customary in this land in his time.

Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (1042–1154)

Source B: A monk at Durham writes about events there during the exile of the bishop.

The monks found that the king was quite gentle towards them. Although his conduct towards other monasteries and churches was ferocious, he did not deprive them of any portion of their property but even contributed to it from his own and defended them from injury. When the prior went to visit William, the king rose humbly to meet him, received him kindly and urged him to exercise due care over the Church in all things as if he were its bishop.

Simeon of Durham, *History of the Church of Durham*, written before 1129

Source C: A description of the relationship between the king and Archbishop Anselm by a monk at Canterbury, who was a close friend of Anselm.

Anselm went to the king and humbly sought permission to go to pope Urban at Rome for his archiepiscopal pallium*. But the king flared up at the name of Urban and said that he did not recognise him as pope and that it was contrary to established usage to allow anyone in his kingdom to support a pope who was not of his choosing. Hence there arose a serious difference of opinion but the discussion of it was put off until another time. The order went out therefore to the bishops, abbots and barons of England that they should come together at the castle of Rockingham to discuss the differences.

Eadmer (c.1060–c.1126), *Life of Saint Anselm*

* symbol of the power of an archbishop

SECTION B

Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1035–1087

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How far were the Godwins a problem for Edward the Confessor? **[20]**

4* To what extent did the Norman Conquest change the government and administration of England? **[20]**

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