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## Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon

### AS GCE HISTORY A

**F961/01** British History Period Studies  
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

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 any **two** questions.
- 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 **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 1035–87**

- 1 How powerful a monarch was Edward the Confessor in the period from 1042 to 1065? [50]
- 2 'The most important reason for the influence of the Godwin family was Edith's marriage to Edward the Confessor.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 To what extent was William I's suppression of opposition to his rule brutal? [50]

### **Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509**

- 4 Assess the reasons why Edward IV lost the throne in 1470. [50]
- 5 'The skill of Henry Tudor was the most important reason Richard III lost the throne.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 6 How effective was Henry VII's domestic government? [50]

### **Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–58**

- 7 'Wolsey's domestic policies achieved little.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 8 To what extent did Tudor administration remain the same in the 1530s? [50]
- 9 How far did Mary I achieve her aims? [50]

### **Church and State 1529–89**

- 10 How important was Thomas Cranmer in influencing religious policy in the 1530s? [50]
- 11 How much popular support was there for Mary I's religious policies? [50]
- 12 Assess the reasons why Elizabeth I's policies towards Catholics became more severe after 1568. [50]

**England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603**

- 13 To what extent was faction a threat to the power of Elizabeth? [50]
- 14 Assess the reasons why Mary Queen of Scots caused problems for Elizabeth I and her government. [50]
- 15 How successfully did Elizabeth I preserve her power in the period after 1588? [50]

**The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–42**

- 16 Assess the impact of foreign relations on the relationship between James I and his parliaments. [50]
- 17 'James I's financial difficulties were the result of inherited problems.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 Assess the reasons why Charles I dissolved parliament in 1629. [50]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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