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AS Level History A

Y132/01 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 character to assess how useful Source C is as evidence for how he felt about the power of the Pope. [10]

- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that England's relationship with Rome was a troubled one. [20]

Source A: An account of a visit from a papal representative in 1095.

The pope's nuncio came hither to this land. This was bishop Walter, a man of very good life, from the town of Albano....On behalf of Pope Urban he gave Archbishop Anselm his pallium* and Anselm received him at Canterbury. Bishop Walter remained afterwards in this land a great part of the year. Men then sent by him the Peter's pence#, which they had not done for many years.

Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (1042–1154)

* symbol of the power of an archbishop

tax paid by the people to Rome

Source B: A monk writes about problems at Rome.

There were at this time [1091] two popes of Rome, so called, who opposed each other and made a schism in the Church of God, namely Urban, bishop of Ostia and Clement, archbishop of Ravenna. This affair so perplexed the Church in England for many years, to say nothing of other parts of the world, that from the time of the death of Gregory [1085] up to this period, it yielded submission and obedience to no one claiming to be pope. Italy and France had already acknowledged Urban.

Florence of Worcester, Chronicle, written before 1118

Source C: A monk at Canterbury describes William II Rufus's reaction to the death of pope Urban in 1099.

Urban the Pope died before he received the reply on Anselm which he was expecting from the King of England. When his death came to the ears of that king, William exclaimed, 'The hatred of God rest upon whoever cares a rap for that!' He then went on to ask, 'But the new pope, what sort of man is he?' When told that in some respects he was like Anselm, he said, 'By the face of God, if he is like that he is no good. But let him keep strictly to himself for his popedom shall not get the upper hand of me this time; to that I take my oath; meantime I have gained my freedom and shall do freely as I like.' He had the idea that not even the pope of the whole world could have any jurisdiction in his realm unless with his permission.

Eadmer (c.1060–c.1126), History of Recent Events in England

SECTION B**Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1035–1087**

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How seriously was the rule of William I in England threatened by rebellions up to 1070? **[20]**

4* To what extent did the Norman Conquest lead to change in urban and rural areas? **[20]**

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