



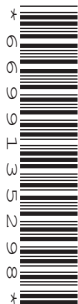
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AS Level History A

Y134/01 England 1377–1455

Wednesday 17 May 2017 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

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

Richard II 1377–1399

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of the influence of de la Pole and de Vere to assess how useful source B is as evidence for the ways in which they tried to undermine the Lords Appellant. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the conflicts of the period between the king and the barons were caused by the king. [20]

Source A: A civil servant writes about the situation in 1386.

The king's closest advisers were men of vicious character, who deceived the king, having an eye to the business neither of the king nor the kingdom, but they grasped to themselves the riches of iniquity by many evil deeds. The impoverished king was put into the shadow of their sin, and so the realm was smitten by the levying of a great plague of tenths and subsidies. Because of this, misfortunes without number afflicted the kingdom. The nobles of the land observed the disasters which had happened and urged the king to hold a parliament in order to direct the realm into the path of peace.

Thomas Favent, History of the Wonderful Parliament, written before 1404

Source B: A monk at Leicester describes events at the Council of Shrewsbury in 1387.

The king came to Shrewsbury and on his orders certain judges of the realm gathered there. They [the judges] were questioned by those seducers of the king, namely Alexander, archbishop of York, Robert de Vere, duke of Ireland, Michael de la Pole, Robert Tresilian and their clique, about whether it was compatible with the law of the land for the king to obstruct and resist the ordinances concerning the king and the kingdom enacted in the last parliament by due process and by the commons of the realm, but, they alleged, under duress.

Henry Knighton, Chronicle, written before 1396

Source C: An anonymous monk gives an account of a meeting of the king with the duke of Gloucester and the earls of Arundel and Warwick at Haringey in 1387.

The king said, 'How dare you rebel and take up arms against my kingdom?' The duke of Gloucester replied, 'We are not rebels, nor do we arm ourselves against the peace of the kingdom but to protect your life against the enemies of ourselves and the realm, for which cause any man may bear arms. We ask that you should hold a parliament immediately....and that you should take into custody our enemies, your sycophants, and cause them to be present there'. 'You shall have a parliament,' said the king, 'but I shall not harm them and I shall treat you as less than the lowest of your kitchen-boys.'

Eulogium Historiarum, written before 1405

Section B**England 1399–1455**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 3*** 'The circumstances of Henry IV's accession account for the opposition he encountered in his reign.' How far do you agree? **[20]**
- 4*** How far was royal authority restored in the reign of Henry V? **[20]**

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