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AS Level History A

Y135/01 England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

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

Wars of the Roses 1445–1461

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of the years 1445–1450 to assess how useful Source C is in explaining the reasons for conflict in England during these years. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that Henry VI's policy towards France was responsible for the growing dissatisfaction with his government in the years 1445 to 1450. [20]

Source A: Henry VI gives Maine to the French in 1445.

Our very dear uncle, we know that you would be very glad we should make deliverance of the city, town and castle of Le Mans and of all that we have and hold within the county of Maine to our very dear father and uncle, the King of Sicily and Charles of Anjou, his brother. You have most affectionately upon your part required us to do so and informed us this is the aptest means to arrive at the blessing of peace between us, favouring also our most dear companion the Queen, who has requested us to do this many times.

From a letter of Henry VI, 1445

Source B: A Description of Henry VI by John Blacman, the King's Confessor.

A diligent and sincere worshipper of God was this King, more given to God and to devout prayer than to handling worldly things or practising vain sports and pursuits: these he dismissed as trifling and was continually occupied either in prayer or the reading of the scriptures.

From John Blacman, 1484

Source C: A description of Cade's Rebellion in 1450.

And this same year arose the men of Kent and made themselves a captain, an Irishman called John Cade, who at the beginning called himself Mortimer for to have the favour of the people. He said England had been ruled by untrue counsel and the commons were sore hurt with taxes and other oppressions and might not live by their handiwork and husbandry for which they grudged sore against those who had governance of the land.

From An English Chronicle, 1451

SECTION B**England 1461–1509**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 3*** How far was the failure of Edward IV's first reign (1461–70) due to his foreign policy? **[20]**
- 4*** 'The downfall of the Yorkist dynasty in 1485 was caused by the failure of Edward IV and Richard III to control the nobility during the period 1471 to 1485.' How far do you agree? **[20]**

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