

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS GCE
F961/01
HISTORY A

British History Period Studies
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012: Morning
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance
MODIFIED ENLARGED

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

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.**

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.

Answer any TWO questions.

**FROM ANGLO SAXON ENGLAND TO NORMAN ENGLAND
1035–1087**

- 1 'Edward the Confessor was an effective monarch.'
How far do you agree? [50]**
- 2 Assess the reasons for the power and influence of
the Godwin family during the reign of Edward the
Confessor. [50]**
- 3 'The military strength of the Normans was the most
important reason for their victory at Hastings.'
How far do you agree? [50]**

LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509

- 4 Assess the reasons for the wars between the
Lancastrians and Yorkists in the period from 1450
to 1470. [50]**
- 5 How successful was Edward IV's management of royal
finances? [50]**
- 6 How successfully did Henry VII deal with the domestic
problems he faced? [50]**

HENRY VIII TO MARY I, 1509–1558

- 7 How successful was Henry VIII in achieving his aims in foreign policy in the period from 1509 to 1529? [50]**
- 8 How far did Cromwell's reforms change Tudor government and administration by 1547? [50]**
- 9 How effective were the governments of Somerset and Northumberland? [50]**

CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589

- 10 How far did the religious changes under Henry VIII from 1539 to 1547 make England protestant? [50]**
- 11 How successful were the religious policies of Mary Tudor? [50]**
- 12 'The puritan threat to the Elizabethan church was never serious.' How far do you agree? [50]**

ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I, 1558–1603

- 13 How important was the Court in government during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]**
- 14 How serious were the financial and economic problems during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]**
- 15 ‘Elizabeth I’s popularity declined dramatically after 1588.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1603–1642

- 16 ‘The conflicts between James I and his parliaments were never serious.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 17 ‘Charles I’s personal rule brought stability to England in the period from 1629 to 1640.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 18 How far was Pym to blame for the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642? [50]**

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