

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS GCE**

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HISTORY A

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

THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014: Afternoon

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

12 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.**

Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any TWO questions.

**From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England,
1035–1087**

- 1 'Norman influence was the most serious cause of problems during the reign of Edward the Confessor.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 2 'Saxon weakness was the main reason for their defeat at the Battle of Hastings.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 3 To what extent were castles the most important factor in overcoming opposition to William I's rule? [50]**

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors, 1450–1509

- 4 'The power of the nobility was the most important reason why there was civil war between the Lancastrians and Yorkists.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 5 'Richard III's reign was so short because he was ineffective as king.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 6 'The need to secure his throne dominated the foreign policy of Henry VII.' How far do you agree? [50]**

Henry VIII to Mary I, 1509–1558

- 7 'Wolsey's lack of noble support was the most important reason for his fall from power.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 'Thomas Cromwell's reforms in the 1530s were limited in their impact.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why there was so much unrest in the reigns of Edward VI and Mary I. [50]**

Church and State, 1529–1589

- 10 How Protestant was England at the death of Edward VI in 1553? [50]**
- 11 How much opposition was there to the religious changes of Mary Tudor and Cardinal Pole? [50]**
- 12 How far did Puritanism change from 1558 to 1589? [50]**

England under Elizabeth I, 1558–1603

- 13 How serious a challenge was factional unrest to Elizabeth I's government? [50]**
- 14 'Elizabeth I dealt successfully with the issue of marriage and succession.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 15 How serious were the financial problems that Elizabeth I faced? [50]**

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War, 1603–1642

- 16 To what extent was James I successful in handling religious divisions in England? [50]**
- 17 Assess the reasons why James I's financial difficulties were not resolved. [50]**
- 18 'The events of 1640–42 were the main reason for the outbreak of Civil War in 1642.' How far do you agree? [50]**

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