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F961/01**

HISTORY A

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

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015: Afternoon

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance
MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

**12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(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 Assess the reasons for political instability in the period from 1035 to 1065. [50]**
- 2 ‘The Scandinavian landings in the north of England were the most important reason for Harold’s failure to defeat William of Normandy.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 3 How important was the new Norman elite in the suppression of opposition to William I’s rule? [50]**

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509

- 4 ‘Overmighty subjects were the most important reason for the wars between the Lancastrians and Yorkists.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 5 Assess the reasons why Edward IV’s second reign was more successful than his first. [50]**
- 6 ‘Securing trade agreements was Henry VII’s most important foreign policy achievement.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558

- 7 'Wolsey's greatest domestic achievement was the raising of revenue.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 How effectively did Henry VIII govern from 1540 to 1547? [50]**
- 9 Assess the reasons why foreign affairs caused problems during the reign of Edward VI. [50]**

Church and State 1529–1589

- 10 How much support was there for the Church in the early sixteenth century? [50]**
- 11 'There was little popular support for the restoration of Catholicism under Mary I.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 12 Assess the seriousness of the problems facing Catholics from 1558 to 1589. [50]**

England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603

- 13 How serious were the religious problems Elizabeth I faced in 1558? [50]**
- 14 ‘Elizabeth I failed to manage her parliaments effectively.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 15 To what extent were monopolies the most serious economic and financial problem Elizabeth I faced? [50]**

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

- 16 ‘Peace with Spain (1604) was the most serious cause of foreign policy disputes between James I and his parliaments.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 17 ‘The inadequacy of royal finances was the most important cause of James I’s financial problems.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 18 How far were Charles I’s opponents to blame for the outbreak of civil war in 1642? [50]**

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