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HISTORY B

Historical Explanation – British History

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

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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 ONE question. Each question is in two parts. Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.**
- **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 50.
- This paper contains questions on the following four Options:
 - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85 (page 4)
 - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 5)
 - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 6)
 - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 7)
- Each Option has 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.

LANCASTRIANS AND YORKISTS, 1437–85

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

1 Preparation for Civil War, 1450–55

(a) Why did Cade's Rebellion occur in 1450? [25]

(b) Why did Henry VI become unfit to rule? [25]

OR

2 Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–85

(a) Why were there difficulties in the relationships between Richard of Gloucester and his brothers, Edward IV and the Duke of Clarence? [25]

(b) Why was Richard III defeated at Bosworth in 1485? [25]

TUDOR FINALE: THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH I, 1558–1603

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

3 Catholics and Puritans: the Religious Settlement of 1558–9 and its aftermath

- (a) Why did Catholics cause problems for Elizabeth? [25]**
- (b) Why did Elizabeth's Religious Settlement survive, despite opposition? [25]**

OR

4 The struggle with Spain

- (a) Why did Elizabeth and Philip II hold different values and beliefs? [25]**
- (b) Why was the Spanish Armada defeated? [25]**

LIBERAL SUNSET: THE RISE AND FALL OF 'NEW LIBERALISM', 1890–1922

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

5 The Liberal Reforms: 1906–14

- (a) Why did the 'New Liberals' mark a break with the Liberalism of Gladstone? [25]**
- (b) Why did the House of Lords reject the 'People's Budget' of 1909? [25]**

OR

6 The Problem of Ireland 1912–22

- (a) Why did Home Rule no longer satisfy an increasing number of Irishmen after 1914? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Easter Rising of 1916 fail? [25]**

THE END OF CONSENSUS: BRITAIN 1945–90

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

7 The Macmillan Years (1957–64): consensus confirmed

- (a) Why did Macmillan claim in 1957 that ‘most of our people have never had it so good’? [25]**
- (b) Why did Macmillan resign in 1963? [25]**

OR

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–90): triumph and fall

- (a) Why did Thatcher say in 1987 that ‘there is no such thing as society’? [25]**
- (b) Why did Thatcher resign in November 1990? [25]**

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