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History

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Unit 1

Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Wednesday 13 May 2015 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference

6HI01/A

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **TWO** questions: **ONE** question on each of the **TWO** topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer **ONE** question on each topic.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
–*there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
–*use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in **all** your responses
–*you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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6HI01/A – England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

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**You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.**

A1 – Alfred the Great and the Vikings, 793–c900

EITHER

- 1** How accurate is it to describe the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the years before 865 as economically prosperous but politically divided?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2** Why was Alfred unable to respond effectively to the Viking challenge in the years 871–877, but largely able to do so thereafter?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

A2 – The Norman Conquest and its Impact on England, 1066–1135

EITHER

- 3** Why was the Norman campaign against England in the months September to December 1066 so dramatically successful?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** How accurate is it to say that castle-building was the most important method used by William I to establish control of England during his reign?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5** To what extent did the power of the English monarchy change during the reign of Henry II?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** How far do you agree that the financial weakness of the Crown during the reigns of Richard I and John was the most important reason for the baronial revolt of 1214–15?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81

EITHER

- 7** To what extent were population changes in the years 1348–81 the result of the Black Death of 1348–50?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** How accurate is it to say that attempts to maintain low wages were the fundamental cause of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

A5 – Anglo-French Rivalry: Henry V and Henry VI, 1413–53

EITHER

- 9** To what extent was effective leadership by Henry V and John, Duke of Bedford the most important reason for England's ability to hold on to its French territories in the years 1415–35?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** How far do you agree that the death of John, Duke of Bedford was the most important reason for the collapse of English power in France in the years 1435–53?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

A6 – The Wars of the Roses in England, 1455–85

EITHER

- 11** To what extent were the ambitions of the Duke of York responsible for the outbreak of civil conflict in 1455?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** How accurate is it to say that the Earl of Warwick's opposition was the most important reason for the collapse of Edward IV's first reign in 1470?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

- 13** Why was Henry VII able to defeat rival claimants to the throne during his reign?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14** To what extent did Henry VII's domestic policies strengthen royal power in England?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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