Edexcel GCE

History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Tuesday 14 May 2013 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

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.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
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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. To what extent did the nature of the Viking threat to Anglo-Saxon England change in the years 793–877?  
   (Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2. How accurate is it to describe Alfred's reign after the victory at Edington in 878 as a period of unbroken success?  
   (Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)


EITHER

3. How far do you agree that Harold Godwinson's poor military leadership in 1066 was the main reason for his defeat by William of Normandy?  
   (Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4. Why did it take so long for William I to establish his power over England and its people in the years after 1066?  
   (Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

5. To what extent did Henry II restore the power of the monarchy within England during his reign?  
   (Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6. How accurate is it to say that John was personally responsible for the problems he faced at home and abroad during his reign?  
   (Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81

EITHER

7 How far were agriculture and industry changed by the Black Death?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8 How far do you agree that the poll taxes of 1377–80 were the main 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 How accurate is it to say that divisions within the French nobility were the main reason for Henry V’s decision to invade France in 1415?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How accurate is it to say that poor leadership explains the gradual loss of English territories 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 How far were bitter regional divisions among the nobility responsible for the intense military conflicts in the years 1455–61?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 Why was Edward IV able to defeat challenges to his rule in 1470–71, but Richard III was unable to do so in 1485?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

13 How accurate is it to say that Henry VII’s hold on power was never secure?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 How far did Henry VII’s foreign policy succeed in enhancing his prestige at home and abroad?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)
Put a cross in the box indicating the FIRST question you have chosen to answer.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then put a cross in another box.

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