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

Tuesday 13 January 2009 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

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.

Turn over
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You should start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You should start the answer to your second question on page 12.

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

EITHER

1. Why did the West Saxons find it so difficult to deal with the Viking threat in the years 870–878?
   
   (Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

   OR

2. To what extent were Alfred's military reforms responsible for the defeat of the Viking raids in the later years of his reign?
   
   (Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)


EITHER

3. How far was pre-Conquest England a prosperous and well-governed kingdom?
   
   (Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

   OR

4. How accurate is it to describe the years 1066–75 as a period of growing oppression of the English by the Normans?
   
   (Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

5. How far did Henry II's legal and financial reforms strengthen the power of the English monarchy?
   
   (Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

   OR

6. How far were the financial demands made by Richard I and King John responsible for the outbreak of the baronial revolt of 1214–15?
   
   (Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81
EITHER
7 How significant was the impact of the Black Death on the population of England in the years 1348–75?  
(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR
8 How far was hostility towards the landed class responsible for the outbreak of the Peasants’ Revolt in 1381?  
(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

A5 – Anglo-French Rivalry: Henry V and Henry VI, 1413–53
EITHER
9 To what extent was the leadership of Henry V responsible for English successes in France in the years 1415–20?  
(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR
10 How far was poor leadership responsible for the loss of Henry VI’s French territories in the years 1422–53?  
(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

A6 – The Wars of the Roses in England, 1455–85
EITHER
11 How far were the ambitions of Richard Duke of York responsible for the instability in England in the years 1455–60?  
(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR
12 How far did foreign involvement influence the course and final outcome of the Wars of the Roses in the years 1469–85?  
(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509
EITHER
13 How accurate is it to say that the Yorkists remained a serious threat to Henry VII’s security throughout his reign?  
(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR
14 How far did Henry VII deliberately attempt to reduce the power of the nobility during his reign?  
(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 indicate your new question with a cross.

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Put a cross in the box indicating the second question you have chosen to answer 🎈. Your second question choice must be on a different topic to your first question choice. If you change your mind, put a line through the box 🎈 and then indicate your new question with a cross 🎈.

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