Edexcel GCE

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

Tuesday 2 June 2009 – 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.

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–c 900

EITHER

1. How accurate is it to describe Anglo-Saxon England as stable and prosperous in the years before the arrival of the Great Army in 865?

   (Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2. Why were the Viking armies so successful in England in the years 865–877?

   (Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)


EITHER

3. How far was Harald Hardrada’s invasion of the north responsible for William of Normandy’s success at Hastings?

   (Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4. How far was the English Church reformed in the years 1066–90?

   (Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

5. How far did Henry II exercise effective control over his many territories?

   (Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6. How far did Richard I’s frequent absences from England damage the government of the country?

   (Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
### A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81

**EITHER**

7. How far was the economy of mid-fourteenth century England affected by the Black Death?  
(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8. How far did the decline in the size of the population contribute to 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. How far were divisions within the French ruling elite responsible for Henry V’s decision in 1415 to assert his claim to the throne of France?  
(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10. How significant was the Burgundian alliance in enabling the Duke of Bedford to maintain the English position in France in the years 1422–35?  
(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

**EITHER**

11. How far were local rivalries among the nobility responsible for the outbreak of civil conflict in England in 1455?  
(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12. To what extent was Richard III responsible for his insecurity as king?  
(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

### A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

**EITHER**

13. How far had Henry VII consolidated his hold on the throne by 1489?  
(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14. To what extent did relations with Spain and Scotland strengthen Henry VII’s security 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 put a cross in another box ☑.

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Question 13 ☐ Question 14 ☐
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 put a cross in another box.

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