



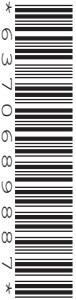
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AS Level History A

Y134 England 1377–1455

Wednesday 18 May 2016 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Richard II 1377–1399

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 Use your knowledge of Richard's view of the role of the king to assess how useful Source A is as evidence for why Richard and his lords quarrelled. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that Richard's problems arose from a poor choice of advisers. [20]

Source A: A monk at Westminster Abbey writes about events in the Parliament of 1383.

There arose great dissension between the king and the lords, for it seemed to them that the king was following bad advice and on this account would not admit good governance into his circle, so the lords tried to assume the whole burden of government on themselves. They alleged that his predecessors used to rule with the advice of the lords and while their governance was accepted, the kingdom basked in wonderful prosperity. But the king thought differently. He declared himself unwilling to be ruled or led by their advice alone, but that it pleased him to be modestly and reasonably advised by his council, that is, by chosen and experienced men of the realm.

Westminster Chronicle, written before 1394

Source B: A monk at Evesham Abbey describes Richard's reactions to criticism in 1385.

William Courtenay [the archbishop], prompted and even egged on by certain lords, it is said, reproved the king about his arrogance and the continuing bad government, insisting that unless the king allowed himself to be advised otherwise, this bad regime would shortly lead to the undoing of himself and the kingdom. The king was greatly angered by this rebuke and had not Thomas of Woodstock, his uncle, intervened [the king] would have struck the archbishop. The king shouted many foul words at him and took the greatest offence against him. So the archbishop left him and took himself to distant parts.

History of the Life and Reign of Richard II, written before 1390

Source C: The lords of the Council offer Richard advice in November 1385.

That it please the king to attract to himself good and honourable men of standing, and to associate with them and to avoid the company of others, because in doing so he will have in future great goodness and honour and so attract to himself the hearts and love of his people. In doing the contrary, he will have the contrary future, to the great peril of himself and his realm.

From *The Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council*, 1385

SECTION B

England 1399–1455

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How far was Joan of Arc responsible for the French revival in the Hundred Years' War? **[20]**

4* How well-governed was England in the minority of Henry VI (1422–1437)? **[20]**

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