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### AS GCE HISTORY B

F981/01 Historical Explanation – British History

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

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

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **one** question. Each question is in two parts. Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **50**.
- This paper contains questions on the following four Options:
  - Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–1485 (page 2)
  - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 3)
  - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 4)
  - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–1990 (page 5)
- Each Option has two questions.
- You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–1485**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

**1** The Wars of the Roses, 1455–1485

**(a)** Why was dynastic rivalry between the houses of Lancaster and York important to the start of war in 1455? **[25]**

**(b)** Why was the role of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, important during the period 1455–1471? **[25]**

**or**

**2** Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–1485

**(a)** Why was the relationship between Richard of Gloucester and his brothers, Edward IV and the Duke of Clarence, important? **[25]**

**(b)** Why was Richard III's inability to keep the support of his nobility important? **[25]**

**Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

**3** The struggle with Spain

(a) Why were the differing values and beliefs of Elizabeth and Philip II important? [25]

(b) Why was the Spanish Armada launched by Philip II? [25]

or

**4** The problem of men and marriage

(a) Why were the motives and actions of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, important for the question of Elizabeth's marriage? [25]

(b) Why did the Earl of Essex rebel against Elizabeth? [25]

**Liberal Sunset: The rise and fall of 'New Liberalism', 1890–1922**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

**5** New Liberalism: The 1906 General Election

- (a) Why was Joseph Chamberlain's pursuit of tariff reform important? [25]
- (b) Why did the Liberals win a large majority in the House of Commons in the General Election of 1906? [25]

**or**

**6** The Problem of Ireland 1912–1922

- (a) Why was the idea of Home Rule challenged by an increasing number of Irishmen after 1914? [25]
- (b) Why was the failure of the Easter Rising of 1916 important? [25]

**The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–1990**

Answer **both** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **either**

**7** The Post-war Labour Government (1945–1951): the beginning of consensus

**(a)** Why was the emergence of a political, social and economic consensus important during the years 1945–51? [25]

**(b)** Why did Aneurin Bevan succeed in passing the National Health Service Act in 1946? [25]

**or**

**8** The Thatcher Revolution (1983–1990): triumph and fall

**(a)** Why was the defeat of the Miners' Strike of 1984–5 important? [25]

**(b)** Why, by 1990, had Thatcher become a divisive figure within the Conservative party? [25]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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