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Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World	
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### 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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**6HI01/A – England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World**

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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)**

**A2 – The Norman Conquest and its Impact on England, 1066–1135**

**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)**







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