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Unit 1

Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Monday 16 January 2012 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference

6HI01/A

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

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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You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.

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

EITHER

- 1 How accurate is it to describe Anglo-Saxon England as a peaceful and thriving society in the years before 865?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2 How far do you agree that Alfred's reforms were the main reason why the Vikings had few military successes against Wessex in the years 879–c900?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 3 How accurate is it to say that Duke William's leadership was the main reason for his success at the battle of Hastings?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4 To what extent was Anglo-Saxon England transformed by the Norman conquest?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5 How far do you agree that Henry II was mainly responsible for the conflict between church and state during his reign?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6 Why was Henry II able to hold on to the Angevin territories in France, but John was not?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81

EITHER

- 7** How far were changes in agriculture and trade in the years after 1350 brought about by the Black Death?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** To what extent were attempts to maintain the traditional structures of society responsible for unrest among peasants and townspeople in the years 1349–81?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

A5 – Anglo-French Rivalry: Henry V and Henry VI, 1413–53

EITHER

- 9** How accurate is it to say that strong support within England was the most important reason for Henry V's decision to invade France in 1415?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** How significant was the leadership of John, Duke of Bedford in maintaining English rule 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** Why was the Lancastrian monarchy unable to withstand the challenges it faced from the Yorkists in the years 1455–61?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** How accurate is it to say that French support was the most important reason for Henry Tudor's successful challenge to the rule of Richard III?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

- 13** To what extent was the financial position of the crown improved during the reign of Henry VII?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14** How accurate is it to say that Henry VII was successful in establishing his authority over the nobility during his reign?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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