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# History

Advanced Subsidiary

Unit 1

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

Wednesday 14 May 2014 – 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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**6HI01/A – England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World**

**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.**

**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** Why, in the years 865–878, was the Great Army able to overcome the kingdoms of East Anglia, Northumbria and Mercia, but unable to overcome Wessex?

**(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** How far do you agree that Alfred's greatest achievement after 878 was the reorganisation of his kingdom's defences?

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 3** How far do you agree that Hardrada's invasion was the most important reason for Harold Godwinson's defeat by Duke William?

**(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** To what extent did the Norman kings transform England after 1066?

**(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)**

**A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216**

**EITHER**

- 5** How far were Henry II and John personally responsible for the difficult relations with the Church during their reigns?

**(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** To what extent did Richard I's involvement in the Third Crusade weaken his control over both England and the Angevin territories in France?

**(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)**



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

##### **EITHER**

- 7** How accurate is it to say that economic and social conditions in England were changed dramatically by the plagues of 1348–75?

**(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 8** How far was growing hostility towards landowners responsible for the Peasants' Revolt of 1381?

**(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)**

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

##### **EITHER**

- 9** How far were the weaknesses of French military forces responsible for English successes in France in the years 1415–20?

**(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 10** How accurate is it to say that the influence of Joan of Arc was the most important reason for the recovery of French fortunes in the years 1422–35?

**(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)**

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

##### **EITHER**

- 11** Why, despite setbacks, was the Yorkist campaign against the Lancastrians successful in the years 1455–61?

**(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 12** How far do you agree that Richard III was responsible for his own downfall?

**(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)**

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

##### **EITHER**

- 13** How successful was Henry VII's administration of both justice and royal finance?

**(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 14** To what extent did Henry VII's diplomatic relations with other rulers strengthen his position as king?

**(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)**







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