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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 17 May 2017 – 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.
- 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 5.
You must start the answer to your second question on page 13.**

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

EITHER

- 1** How far do you agree that the Vikings' military skills were the most important reason for their successes against the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in the years 793–877?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2** To what extent did Alfred improve the state of his kingdom in the years 879–c900?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 3** Why was Harold Godwinson victorious at Stamford Bridge but not at Hastings in 1066?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** How far do you agree that the devastation of northern England in 1069–70 was the most important way in which Norman control was established over England after William I's coronation?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5** How far do you agree that the conflict between Church and State during the reign of Henry II was mainly caused by personal differences between the King and Becket?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** To what extent was the loss of Angevin territories in France during John's reign responsible for his unpopularity in England?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)

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

- 7 To what extent were England's economy and society damaged by plagues in the years 1348-75?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8 How far do you agree that the Poll Taxes of 1377–80 were the most important reason 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 Why were the French unable to mount an effective challenge to the English in the years 1415–20?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10 How far do you agree that Burgundy's abandonment of the English alliance in 1435 was the most important reason for the collapse of the English position in France in the years to 1453?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

- 11 How far was Margaret of Anjou responsible for the instability in England in the years 1455–61?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12 Why was Richard III able to seize the throne in 1483, but unable to keep it in 1485?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)



A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

13 How successful were Henry VII's attempts to limit the ability of the nobles to challenge royal authority?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 How far do you agree that the most important outcome of Henry VII's foreign policy was improved relations with Scotland?

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