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History
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Unit 1
Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Wednesday 26 May 2010 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Paper Reference
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You do not need any other materials.

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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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**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 far was the mobility of the Viking forces responsible for their successes in the years 793–870?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2** How far do you agree that Alfred's leadership was the key factor in Wessex's successful resistance to the Vikings in the years 871–99?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 3** Why was Harold Godwinson able to secure the English throne in January 1066, only to lose it nine months later?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** How far were the lives of the English people transformed by the Norman Conquest?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5** To what extent did Henry II restore the crown's power over church and state during his reign?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** How far do you agree that the weakness of royal finances was the main reason for the growth of opposition to King John?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



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

EITHER

- 7** How far were existing social and economic conditions responsible for the devastation caused by the Black Death?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** How far do you agree that the effects of the Black Death were the main reason for the Peasants' Revolt in 1381?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 9** How far do you agree that the main reason for English victories in France in the years 1415–20 was the weakness of the French monarchy?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** How far do you agree that the death of John, Duke of Bedford, in 1435 was the main 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 does the weakness of royal power explain the outbreak of conflict in England in 1455?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** To what extent was effective royal government re-established in England in the years 1471–83?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

- 13** How accurate is it to say that Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck were both serious threats to Henry VII's security?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14** How far did Henry VII's financial policies strengthen the power of the monarchy?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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