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

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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 accurate is it to say that the Viking invasions changed Anglo-Saxon England dramatically in the years 793–877?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2 How far do you agree that Alfred's greatest achievement in the years 878–99 was his victory at Edington?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 3 How far was Edward the Confessor responsible for the conflicts over the succession to the throne which took place in 1066?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4 How far did the Norman kings change the organisation of church and state after 1066?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5 To what extent was Becket responsible for the disputes between Henry II and the Church?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6 How accurate is it to say that the struggle to maintain the Angevin Empire in the years after 1189 was the main reason for the baronial revolt of 1214–15?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



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

EITHER

- 7** Why did the size of the population fail to recover in the years after the Black Death of 1348–49?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** To what extent was the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 a serious threat to the traditional powers of the king and the nobility?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 9** How far were Henry V's victories in France in the years 1415–19 due to the incompetent leadership of the French military forces?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** To what extent was the Treaty of Arras of 1435 responsible for the ending of English rule in France by 1453?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 11** To what extent were Henry VI and Margaret of Anjou responsible for Lancastrian failures in the years 1455–61?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** Why was the reign of Richard III so short lived?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

- 13** How accurate is it to say that Henry VII's weak claim to the throne was the most important reason for the rebellions and challenges that were mounted against him?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14** To what extent did Henry VII strengthen the power of the monarchy during his reign?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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