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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
F961/01
HISTORY A

British History Period Studies
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011: Morning
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page answer booklet (sent with general stationery)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer any TWO questions.**

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.**
- **The total number of marks for this paper is 100.**
- **This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:**
 - **From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087**
 - **Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509**
 - **Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558**
 - **Church and State 1529–1589**
 - **England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603**
 - **The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642**
- **There are eighteen questions, three for each study topic. Answer any TWO questions.**
- **You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.**

Answer any TWO questions.

**FROM ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND TO NORMAN ENGLAND
1035–1087**

- 1 How successfully did Edward the Confessor deal with the problems he faced? [50]**

- 2 ‘Harold’s mistakes were the most important reason for Norman success at the Battle of Hastings.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

- 3 How far did William I change the government of England? [50]**

LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509

- 4 Assess the reasons why Henry VI lost his throne. [50]**

- 5 Assess the reasons why Richard III was able to secure the throne in 1483. [50]**

- 6 How effectively did Henry VII handle the nobility? [50]**

HENRY VIII TO MARY I 1509–1558

- 7 'The most important reason for Wolsey's fall from power was his failure to obtain a divorce for Henry VIII.' How far do you agree? [50]**

- 8 To what extent did Thomas Cromwell's reforms change the government and administration of England? [50]**

- 9 'The most serious problems facing the governments of Somerset and Northumberland were social and economic.' How far do you agree? [50]**

CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589

- 10 Assess the condition of the Church in England in 1529. [50]**

- 11 How successful was Mary I in restoring Catholicism to England by 1558? [50]**

- 12 How effectively did Elizabeth and her bishops deal with the Puritan challenge from 1558 to 1589? [50]**

ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I 1558–1603

- 13 How serious were the problems faced by Elizabeth in 1558? [50]**

- 14 How effectively did Elizabeth I handle the issue of succession during her reign? [50]**

- 15 ‘The popularity of Elizabeth and her government declined seriously in the period after 1588.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1603–1642

- 16 How serious were the religious divisions in England during the reign of James I? [50]**

- 17 Assess the reasons why Charles I embarked on personal rule in 1629. [50]**

- 18 ‘The events of 1629–1640 were more important in causing the Civil War than those of 1640–1642.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

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