

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
AS GCE**

**F961/01**

**HISTORY A**

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

**WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013: Afternoon**

**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

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**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)  
(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.**
- **Answer any TWO questions.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

## **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.**
- **Any blank pages are indicated.**

**Answer any TWO questions.**

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

- 1 How important a role did the Godwin family play in the reign of Edward the Confessor? [50]**
- 2 Assess the strength of William of Normandy's claim to succeed Edward the Confessor as king. [50]**
- 3 'England was not a feudal state by 1087.' How far do you agree? [50]**

**LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509**

- 4 How successful was Edward IV in restoring royal authority by 1470? [50]**
- 5 How successful was Henry VII in strengthening royal finances? [50]**
- 6 'Henry VII's foreign policy achieved little.' How far do you agree? [50]**

## **HENRY VIII TO MARY I, 1509–1558**

- 7 Assess the reasons for Wolsey's rise to power. [50]**
- 8 Assess the reasons why England went to war with France and Scotland in the period from 1540 to 1547. [50]**
- 9 'Mary I's rule of England was a complete failure.' How far do you agree? [50]**

## **CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589**

- 10 'The Church in England in 1529 still had widespread popular support.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 11 How successfully did Elizabeth I resist the demands of the Puritans to 1589? [50]**
- 12 Assess the reasons why support for Catholicism declined during the reign of Elizabeth I to 1589. [50]**

## **ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I, 1558–1603**

- 13 How effectively did Elizabeth I control her ministers?  
[50]**
- 14 How far did the issue of marriage and succession  
affect Elizabeth I's foreign policy from 1558 to 1587?  
[50]**
- 15 How powerful was Elizabeth I at the end of her reign?  
[50]**

## **THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1603–1642**

- 16 How far were James I's financial problems of his own  
making? [50]**
- 17 'The breakdown of Charles I's Personal Rule in 1640  
was sudden and unexpected.' How far do you agree?  
[50]**
- 18 'The aims of the parliamentary opposition to Charles  
I remained the same from the meeting of the Short  
Parliament in 1640 to the outbreak of civil war in 1642.'  
How far do you agree? [50]**

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