

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
AS GCE  
F962/01  
HISTORY A  
European and World History Period  
Studies  
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern  
1095–1609  
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015: Afternoon  
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance  
MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:  
12 page Answer Booklet (OCR 12)  
(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:**

- The Crusades and Crusader States 1095–1192**
- The Renaissance from c.1400–c.1550**
- Exploration and Discovery c.1445–c.1545**
- Spain 1469–1556**
- Charles V: International Relations and the Holy Roman Empire 1519–1559**
- Philip II, Spain and the Netherlands, 1556–1609**

**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.**

### **The Crusades and Crusader States 1095–1192**

- 1 To what extent were political motives the main reason for the First Crusade? [50]**
- 2 How strong were the Crusader States in the period to 1192? [50]**
- 3 How far did the Muslim world's reaction to the Crusader states change during the twelfth century? [50]**

### **The Renaissance from c.1400–c.1550**

- 4 'Cultural factors were the most important reason for the development of the Renaissance in Italy.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 5 How far did painting change in the Renaissance? [50]**
- 6 Assess the main developments in social and political thought in the period from c.1400 to c.1550. [50]**

## **Exploration and Discovery c.1445–c.1545**

- 7 'The most important motive in exploration was personal.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 Assess the reasons why Spain and Portugal were able to develop overseas empires in the period from c.1445 to c.1545. [50]**
- 9 Assess the impact of the Spanish Empire on its subjects in Spain and the Americas. [50]**

## **Spain 1469–1556**

- 10 'The Reconquista was Ferdinand and Isabella's most successful religious policy.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 11 How powerful were Ferdinand and Isabella as monarchs? [50]**
- 12 'Charles I failed to improve the economy and finances of Spain.' How far do you agree? [50]**

## **Charles V: International Relations and the Holy Roman Empire 1519–1559**

- 13 ‘The most important reason for the limits to Charles V’s power as Holy Roman Emperor was the impact of Lutheranism.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 14 How much support was there for Lutheranism within the Holy Roman Empire in the period to 1555? [50]**
- 15 Assess the reasons why the impact of Charles V’s actions against the Ottomans was so limited. [50]**

## **Philip II, Spain and the Netherlands, 1556–1609**

- 16 ‘The Moriscos were the most serious internal problem facing Philip II in his rule of Spain.’ How far do you agree? [50]**
- 17 Assess the reasons why Philip II was at war for so much of his reign. [50]**
- 18 How important were strategic factors in explaining why Spain was unable to defeat the northern provinces by 1609? [50]**

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