

**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE  
HISTORY**

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

**F961/01**



Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page answer booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Thursday 13 January 2011  
Afternoon**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**MODIFIED LANGUAGE**

**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.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

### **From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087**

- 1** How effective was the government of Edward the Confessor? **[50]**
- 2** To what extent was Edward the Confessor to blame for the disputed succession at the end of his reign? **[50]**
- 3** How successful was William I in dealing with opposition to his rule? **[50]**

### **Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509**

- 4** How effective was Edward IV in controlling the nobility after 1470? **[50]**
- 5** ‘The most important reason why Richard III lost the throne in 1485 was lack of support from the nobility.’ How far do you agree? **[50]**
- 6** How successful was Henry VII in achieving his foreign policy aims? **[50]**

### **Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558**

- 7** How significant were the reforms of Thomas Cromwell in changing the government of England by 1547? **[50]**
- 8** How successful were the governments of Somerset and Northumberland in dealing with the problems they faced? **[50]**
- 9** ‘Economic problems were the greatest challenge facing the government of Mary I.’ How far do you agree? **[50]**

### **Church and State 1529–1589**

- 10** How serious was opposition to Henry VIII’s religious changes? **[50]**
- 11** How much support was there for Puritanism in the years from 1558 to 1589? **[50]**
- 12** ‘The Catholic challenge to Elizabeth in the years from 1558 to 1589 was never serious.’ How far do you agree? **[50]**

**England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603**

- 13 How successfully did Elizabeth I deal with factions in her court and government? [50]
- 14 Assess the reasons why the issue of Elizabeth I's marriage and the succession caused disputes during her reign. [50]
- 15 How successfully did Elizabeth I handle the financial problems she faced? [50]

**The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642**

- 16 'The Thirty Years War caused the most serious foreign policy dispute between James I and his Parliaments.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 17 How effective was the policy of 'Thorough' in England and Ireland? [50]
- 18 How far was Charles I to blame for the outbreak of Civil War in 1642? [50]

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