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**HISTORY**  
**Unit 2**

**HS2N**

**Alternative N: Henry VII and the Establishment of a  
Secure Monarchy, 1483–1515**

Friday 12 January 2007 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- a 12-page answer book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HS2N.
- Answer **two** questions.
- Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and coherently and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

**Advice**

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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- 1 Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

**Source A**

A brief text extract from C PENDRILL, *The Wars of the Roses and Henry VII*, Harcourt Education, 2004, p185 discussing the security of Henry VII's hold on power in 1485 - not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

**Source B** Adapted from a letter sent from London to Sir Robert Plumpton, a Yorkshire landowner, in December 1485.

Sir, if it please your mastership, the news is that the king shall marry the Lady Elizabeth (and so she will be queen). Also, Sir, there are to be many lords and gentlemen attainted by the parliament. These are: Richard late Duke of Gloucester, John Duke of Norfolk, Francis Lord Lovell, and many  
5 knights. These are all certain to be attainted. Although there were many men who spoke against this in the parliament, they had no effect, for it was the King's pleasure that it should be done. There is much talk here that there will be an uprising again, though nobody can say by whom; men say  
10 it might be Northerners or Welshmen. Sir, if there are any newer things to report your mastership shall receive word, if I can get it carried from London.

**Source C**

A brief text extract from M BENNETT, *Lambert Simnel and the Battle of Stoke*, Sutton Publishing, 1987, pp112-115 discussing the security of Henry VII's hold on power in 1487 - not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

- (a) Use **Source C** and your own knowledge.

Explain briefly the meaning of 'livery and maintenance' (line 9) in the context of the early years of Henry VII's reign. *(3 marks)*

- (b) Use **Source B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how useful **Source B** is as evidence about the political situation in England at the end of 1485. *(7 marks)*

- (c) Use **Sources A, B and C** and your own knowledge.

'In the years between the Battle of Bosworth and the end of 1487, Henry VII was able to consolidate his grip on power with surprising ease.'  
Explain why you agree or disagree with this statement. *(15 marks)*

**Turn over for the next question**

**EITHER 2** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

Throughout his reign, Henry VII's foreign policy was defensive; he reacted to external events in order to secure his Crown and dynasty. Initially in debt to Brittany and France, Henry had to prevent France, Spain, Burgundy and Scotland from exploiting Yorkist claimants.

Adapted from J GUY, *Tudor England*, 1990

- (a) Comment on 'Yorkist claimants' (line 4) in the context of Henry VII's foreign policy in the years from 1485. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why Henry VII was 'in debt to Brittany and France' (lines 2 and 3) at the beginning of his reign. (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of maintaining good relations with Spain, in relation to other factors, in explaining Henry VII's foreign policies in the years 1489 to 1509. (15 marks)

**OR 3** Read the following source and then answer the questions which follow.

Adapted from newsletters received in Venice in May 1509.

News has been received in Rome of the death of the King of England, and his son has succeeded to the kingdom peaceably. King Henry VII was a very great miser but a man of vast ability. He is supposed to have accumulated more gold than all the other kings of Christendom.

- (a) Comment on 'succeeded to the kingdom peaceably' (line 2) in the context of Henry VIII's accession to the throne. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain why Henry VII was regarded as a 'very great miser' (lines 2 and 3). (7 marks)
- (c) Explain the importance of Henry VII's success in dealing with the Church, in relation to other factors, in explaining the stability of the kingdom inherited by Henry VIII. (15 marks)

## END OF QUESTIONS

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