

AS HISTORY

Royal Authority and the Angevin Kings, 1154–1189

Paper 2A

ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2A**.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03

Information

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

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.
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Section A**Answer Question 01**

Source A

From the **Great Chronicle** of Roger of Hoveden, a royal clerk who compiled a History of England in the early years of the thirteenth century.

The earl of Maurienne desired to know how much territory the king of England intended to grant to his son John; and on the king expressing an intention to give him the castles of Chinon, Lodun and Mirabel, Young Henry, his son, would not agree. He was already greatly offended that his father was unwilling to assign him some territories, where he might take up residence. Indeed, he had requested his father to give him Normandy, or Anjou, or England at the suggestion of the king of France and of those of the barons of England and Normandy who disliked his father. From this time it was that Young Henry sought an opportunity for withdrawing from his father.

Source B

A letter from Peter of Blois to Eleanor of Aquitaine in 1173 at the request of his patron, Rotrou the Archbishop of Rouen.

Against all women and out of childish counsel, you provoke disaster for the lord king, to whom powerful kings bow the neck. And so, before this matter reaches a bad end, you should return with your sons to your husband, whom you have promised to obey and live with. Turn back so that neither you nor your sons become suspect. We are certain that he will show you every possible kindness and the surest guarantee of safety. I beg you, advise your sons to be obedient and respectful to their father. He has suffered many anxieties, offenses and grievances. Either you will return to your husband, or we must call upon canon law and use ecclesiastical censures against you.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining why the Great Rebellion of 1173–74 occurred?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

EITHER

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‘Henry II was in a strong position as King of England by the end of 1154.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

OR

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‘Threats to Henry II's control in Angevin France between 1183 and 1189 were a consequence of his own actions.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

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