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# History

**Advanced Subsidiary**

**Unit 1**

**Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World**

Thursday 13 January 2011 – Afternoon

**Time: 1 hour 20 minutes**

Paper Reference

**6HI01/A**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

## Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **TWO** questions: **ONE** question on each of the **TWO** topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer **ONE** question on each topic.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

## Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in ALL your responses  
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

## Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## 6HI01/A – England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

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You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.  
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.

### A1 – Alfred the Great and the Vikings, 793–c900

#### EITHER

- 1 To what extent was the weak leadership of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms responsible for Viking successes in the years 793–877?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

#### OR

- 2 How accurate is it to say that Alfred promoted a rebirth of culture and religion in Wessex?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

### A2 – The Norman Conquest and its Impact on England, 1066–1135

#### EITHER

- 3 To what extent was William's experience as Duke of Normandy responsible for the success of his campaign against Harold Godwinson in 1066?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

#### OR

- 4 How accurate is it to describe Norman rule in England after 1066 as cruel and oppressive?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

### A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

#### EITHER

- 5 To what extent did Henry II strengthen the powers of the crown in England?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

#### OR

- 6 How significant was the part played by Philip Augustus in the collapse of English power in France?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



#### **A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81**

##### **EITHER**

- 7** How far does the growth of towns in fourteenth-century England explain the devastation caused by the Black Death of 1348–49?

**(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 8** How successfully was the existing structure of society challenged in the years 1349–81?

**(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)**

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#### **A5 – Anglo-French Rivalry: Henry V and Henry VI, 1413–53**

##### **EITHER**

- 9** How accurate is it to say that the main reason why Henry V invaded France in 1415 was to strengthen his position as king of England?

**(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 10** How far do you agree that the alliance with Burgundy was the most important factor which maintained England's position in France in the years 1419–35?

**(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)**

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#### **A6 – The Wars of the Roses in England, 1455–85**

##### **EITHER**

- 11** How far were military defeats in France responsible for the outbreak of civil conflict in England in 1455?

**(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 12** How far did Edward IV restore the authority of the monarchy in the years 1461–83?

**(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)**

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#### **A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509**

##### **EITHER**

- 13** How far do you agree that the nobility never posed a serious threat to Henry VII's rule?

**(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)**

##### **OR**

- 14** Why were relations with Spain and Burgundy so important during Henry VII's reign?

**(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)**

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