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History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning Time: 1 hour 20 minutes	Paper Reference 6HI01/A
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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** How far do you agree that the Vikings' military skills were the main reason for their successes against the Anglo-Saxons in the 860s and 870s?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

- 2** How far do you agree that Alfred's greatest achievements as king of Wessex were accomplished after the battle of Edington in 878?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 3** Why was Harold Godwinson able to defeat Harald Hardrada at Stamford Bridge, but unable to defeat William of Normandy at Hastings?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** Why was English resistance to the Norman Conquest so unsuccessful in the years after 1066?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

- 5** How accurate is it to describe Henry II as a great reforming monarch?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** Why did opposition to King John become so bitter during his reign?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)



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

EITHER

- 7** How accurate is it to say that existing social conditions were mainly responsible for the rapid spread of the Black Death in the years 1348–50?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** Why was the Peasants' Revolt so easily suppressed?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 9** How far do you agree that the rivalry between the Burgundian and Armagnac factions was the most important reason for Henry V's successes in France?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** How far do you agree that the revival of the French monarchy was the main reason for the gradual collapse of English power in France in the years 1429–53?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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

EITHER

- 11** To what extent was the financial weakness of the Crown responsible for the outbreak of civil conflict in 1455?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** How accurate is it to say that the Yorkist kings restored royal authority in England in the years 1471–85?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

- 13** To what extent did Henry VII secure his position as king between 1485 and the execution of Warwick and Warbeck in 1499?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

- 14** How far do you agree that the main aim of Henry VII's foreign policy was to strengthen his security in England?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)



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