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Advanced GCE

HISTORY

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Historical Investigations 768–1216

Friday **21 JANUARY 2005** Afternoon 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:
One 12-page answer book

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

This paper contains questions on the following two Options:

- Charlemagne (pages 2-3)
- King John (pages 4-5)

Answer on **one** Option only. In that Option, answer **both** the sub-questions in the document question and **one** other question.

Teachers may indicate to candidates in the examination room the part(s) of the paper which cover(s) the Option(s) studied.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each sub-question.

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.

The time permitted allows for reading the Passages in the one Option you have studied.

You advised to spend equal time on the document question and the essay you select.

In answering sub-question (ii), you are expected to use your knowledge of the topic to help you explain and evaluate the interpretations in the Passages, as well as to inform your answers.

In answering an essay question, you are expected to refer to and evaluate relevant interpretations to help you develop your arguments.

This question paper consists of 6 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Charlemagne

If answering on this Option, candidates must answer Question 1 and one other question.

- 1 Study the following four Passages, A, B, C and D, about The Problems Charlemagne Encountered in Waging War, and answer both of the sub-questions which follow.

- A From: The Royal Frankish Annals for the year 778, originally written very close to the events they describe, but revised under Charlemagne's son, the Emperor Louis the Pious (814-40). Here the defeat of the Franks at Roncevalles is explained.

Charles razed the walls...

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Title: The Royal Frankish Annals

ISBN-10: 0472061860

ISBN-13: 978-0472061860

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...but to seek vengeance

- B From: P.D. King, Charlemagne, published in 1986. This historian offers reasons why Charlemagne found it difficult to conquer the Saxons.

Fiercely independent, the Saxons...

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Title: Charlemagne

Author: P. D. King

ISBN-10: 041637350X

ISBN-13: 978-0416373509

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...the Saxons in battle

- C From: T. Reuter, 'The End of Carolingian Military Expansion', an article published in 1990. This historian argues that Charlemagne took a deliberate decision to end offensive wars after 800.

Before 800, campaigning was...

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Title: The End of Carolingian Military Expansion

Author: T. Reuter

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...the repelling of invaders

- D From: J. France, 'The Composition and Raising of the Armies of Charlemagne', an article published in 2002. This historian argues that circumstances compelled Charlemagne to end his wars of conquest.

The Frankish dominions could...

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Title: The Composition and Raising of the Armies of Charlemagne
Author: J. France

...tribes made advance difficult

- (i) Compare the views expressed in Passages C and D about the reasons why Charlemagne's empire ceased to expand after 800. [15]
- (ii) Using these four Passages and your own knowledge, assess the view that the range and number of his enemies was the main problem which Charlemagne encountered in expanding his empire. [30]

[Total: 45 marks]

Answer either

- 2 Discuss the reasons why Charlemagne was interested in stimulating culture and learning during his reign. [45]

or

- 3 To what extent was Charlemagne the dominant partner in his relations with the papacy in the years before 800? [45]

Candidates are reminded that they must refer to and evaluate relevant interpretations in developing the argument in their essay.

King John

If answering on this Option, candidates must answer Question 4 and one other question.

4 Study the following four Passages, A, B, C and D, about King John and the Barons, and answer both of the sub-questions which follow.

A From: Article 60 of Magna Carta (1215) outlining the means by which royal offences against its provisions would be dealt with.

Since moreover for the love of God, for the improvement of our kingdom, and for the better settling of the conflict that has arisen between us and our barons, we have granted all these liberties, wishing them to enjoy them by full and firm establishment forever, we have made and granted them the following security: that the barons shall elect twenty-five barons of the kingdom, whomsoever they please, who to the best of their ability should observe, hold and cause to be observed the peace and liberties which we have granted to them and have confirmed by this our present charter; so that specifically, if we or any servant of ours break any article of the peace, and if the breach is shown to four barons of the aforesaid twenty-five barons, these four barons shall come to us to explain to us the wrong, asking that without delay we cause this wrong to be redressed. 5 10

B From: S. Painter, *The Reign of King John*, published in 1949. This historian thinks that John, while he did much that was positive, suffered from a cruel and untrustworthy character.

William de Braose had...

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Details:

Title: *The Reign of King John*
 Author: S. Painter 20
 ISBN-10: 0801805147
 ISBN-13: 978-0801805141

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...to William de Braose

C From: J.C. Holt, 'The Origins of Magna Carta', an article published in 1965. This historian draws attention to John's military failures.

John failed in the...

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Title: *The Origins of Magna Carta*
 Author: J. C. Holt

...sword was soft enough

- D From: N. Barrat, 'The Revenues of King John and Philip Augustus Revisited', an article published in 1999. This historian argues that John's financial situation in 1210-14 was weaker than that of King Philip Augustus of France and that John's great efforts to close the financial gap eventually caused him major problems in England.

John was generating an...

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Title: The Revenues of King John and Philip Augustus Revisited
Author: N. Barrat

...political protest in 1214

- (i) Compare the views expressed in Passages B and C about the reasons for the tensions which arose between John and his barons in the years 1202-14. [15]
- (ii) Using these four Passages and your own knowledge, assess the view that John's untrustworthiness was the primary factor in undermining relations between him and his barons by 1215. [30]

[Total: 45 marks]

Answer either

5 How far was King John to blame for the outbreak of war with Philip Augustus in 1202? [45]

or

6 To what extent did becoming a vassal of Innocent III in 1213 mark a defeat for King John? [45]

Candidates are reminded that they must refer to and evaluate relevant interpretations in developing the argument in their essay.

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