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Advanced GCE

HISTORY

2587

Historical Investigations 768–1216

Monday **23 JANUARY 2006** 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 total marks for the paper is 90.

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 are 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 Government in the Final Years of Charlemagne's Reign, and answer both of the sub-questions which follow.

A From: A letter sent to local counts by the *missi dominici*, who were responsible for supervising all local officers of the monarch. This letter, written in 806, reminds the counts of their duties.

Show respect for the rights of the Lord Emperor, in accordance with what you have been told in writing or orally, as you know is your obligation. Next, in all respects you should judge the cases of churches, widows, orphans and all others without any evil trickery, without any unlawful payment and without any adjournment or unnecessary delay, fully, irreproachably and in accordance with the law and justice, whether the case concerns you yourself or your subordinates. Next, you should list the names, however great the number, of those who are rebellious or disobedient to you, and either send the names to us beforehand, or inform us personally when we meet, so that we may take such action in their regard as our Lord the Emperor has commanded. Next, take the greatest care that neither you yourself nor, insofar as you can control the matter, anyone in your country become caught up in the evil strategy of saying: 'Let us keep quiet until these *missi* have moved on and then judge our cases among ourselves afterwards.'

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We surely need to.....

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Details:

An extract by F. L Ganshof from 'The last period of Charlemagne's reign: a study in decomposition' published in 1948

....to their personal greed.

The argument for 'decomposition'....

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Details:

Taken from 'Charlemagne' by P. D. King published in 1986. This historian considers that in the later years of Charlemagne's rule, the emperor was determined to make justice and good government prevail.

....abuses of his government.

While lack of expansion.....

D

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Details:

From 'Charlemagne' by R. Collins, published in 1998. This historian draws attention to the significance of the lack of systematic expansion in the later years of Charlemagne

.....unit out of it.

- (i) Compare the views expressed in Passages B and C about government in the final years of Charlemagne's reign. [15]
- (ii) Using these four Passages and your own knowledge, assess the view that in the years after 800 Charlemagne's empire was in a state of decomposition. [30]

[Total: 45 marks]

Answer either

- 2 To what extent did Charlemagne's inheritance from his father shape his policies towards the peoples outside the Frankish lands? [45]

or

- 3 Assess the reasons why Charlemagne's government was dependent on the Church and churchmen. [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's Loss of Normandy in 1204, and answer both of the sub-questions which follow.

A

The castle of Chateau....

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Details:

Taken from 'King John' by W. L. Warren, published in 1961. This historian thinks that John's major problem in 1204 was that the Norman barons were very willing to come to terms with Philip Augustus

....territory he had lost.

- B From: W. L. Warren, King John, published in 1961. This historian thinks that John's major problem in 1204 was that the Norman barons were very willing to come to terms with Philip Augustus.

The real reason for....

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Details:

Taken from 'King John' by W. L Warren published in 1961

....Henry II died in 1189

- C From: J. C. Holt, 'The End of the Anglo-Norman Realm', an article published in 1975. This historian suggests that we should look to the relative resources of the kings of England and France for an understanding of the events of 1204.

By 1202-03, the revenues....

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Details:

Taken from 'The end of the Anglo-Norman Realm' by J. C Holt published in 1975

....inadequate for the task.

- D From: J. Gillingham, *The Angevin Empire*, published in 1984. This historian has investigated further the incomes of the Angevins and Capetians and considers that finance was not the root cause of John's failure in 1204.

In 1202-03, Philip's recorded.....

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Details:

Taken from 'The Angevin Empire' by J. Gillingham, published in 1984.

.....Philip's fighting for him.

- (i) Compare the views expressed in Passages A and C about reasons for John's loss of Normandy in 1204. [15]
- (ii) Using these four Passages and your own knowledge, assess the view that John lost Normandy because his financial resources were inadequate for the task of fighting a war against Philip Augustus. [30]

[Total: 45 marks]

Answer either

- 5 Assess the view that Innocent III's dislike of English arrangements for the selection of an archbishop of Canterbury was the most important cause of the conflict with King John over the Canterbury election. [45]

or

- 6 How united were the English barons in opposition to King John at the time that Magna Carta was agreed? [45]

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

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