

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**  
**F961/01**  
**HISTORY A**

**British History Period Studies**  
**Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642**

**WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010: Morning**  
**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.**
- **Use black ink.**
- **Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**
- **Answer any TWO questions.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
- This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  - From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087
  - Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509
  - Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558
  - Church and State 1529–1589
  - England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603
  - The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642
- There are eighteen questions, three for each study topic. Answer any TWO questions.
- 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.

Answer any TWO questions.

**FROM ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND TO NORMAN ENGLAND  
1035–1087**

- 1 How successfully did Edward the Confessor deal with the Godwin family? [50]
- 2 To what extent was military force the MOST important factor in overcoming opposition to the rule of William I? [50]
- 3 How far did England become a feudal state during the reign of William I? [50]

**LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509**

- 4 ‘The power of the nobility was the MOST important cause of unrest in the period from 1450 to 1470.’ How far do you agree? [50]
- 5 How serious a threat to Henry VII’s rule was the Yorkist challenge? [50]
- 6 ‘The handling of finances was Henry VII’s MOST successful domestic achievement.’ How far do you agree? [50]

## **HENRY VIII TO MARY I 1509–1558**

- 7 'Henry VIII's foreign policy from 1509 to 1529 brought little benefit for England.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 8 How successful were Henry VIII's wars with France and Scotland in the period from 1540 to 1547? [50]**
- 9 How serious were the social and economic problems faced by Edward VI and Mary I? [50]**

## **CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589**

- 10 How widespread was criticism of the Church in England on the eve of the Reformation? [50]**
- 11 How successful were the governments of Somerset and Northumberland in establishing Protestantism from 1547 to 1553? [50]**
- 12 'Puritanism's influence was always limited from 1558 to 1589.' How far do you agree? [50]**

## **ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I 1558–1603**

- 13 'Foreign affairs were the MOST serious problem facing Elizabeth I in 1558.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 14 To what extent did the power of Parliament increase during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]
- 15 'Rebellion was the MOST serious problem Elizabeth I faced in the period from 1588 to 1603.' How far do you agree? [50]

## **THE EARLY STUARTS AND THE ORIGINS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1603–1642**

- 16 To what extent was James I's extravagance the MOST important cause of his financial problems? [50]
- 17 Assess the reasons why Charles I's personal rule broke down in the years 1639–40. [50]
- 18 'The desire of parliament to increase its power was the MOST important reason for the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642.' How far do you agree? [50]

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