

**Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning**

**AS GCE HISTORY A**

**F961/01** British History Period Studies  
Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet  
(sent with general stationery)

**Other materials required:**

None

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**MODIFIED LANGUAGE**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer any **two** questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

**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.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer any **two** questions.

### **From Anglo Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087**

- 1 'Edward the Confessor was an effective monarch.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 2 Assess the reasons for the power and influence of the Godwin family in the reign of Edward the Confessor. [50]
- 3 'The military strength of the Normans was the most important reason for their victory at Hastings.' How far do you agree? [50]

### **Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509**

- 4 Assess the reasons for the wars between the Lancastrians and Yorkists in the period from 1450 to 1470. [50]
- 5 How successful was Edward IV's management of royal finances? [50]
- 6 How successfully did Henry VII deal with domestic problems? [50]

### **Henry VIII to Mary I, 1509–1558**

- 7 How successfully did Henry VIII achieve his aims in foreign policy in the period from 1509 to 1529? [50]
- 8 How far did Cromwell's reforms change Tudor government and administration by 1547? [50]
- 9 How effective were the governments of Somerset and Northumberland? [50]

### **Church and State 1529–1589**

- 10 How far did the religious changes under Henry VIII from 1539 to 1547 make England protestant? [50]
- 11 How successful were the religious policies of Mary Tudor? [50]
- 12 'The puritan threat to the Elizabethan church was never serious.' How far do you agree? [50]

**England under Elizabeth I, 1558–1603**

- 13 How important was the Court in government during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]
- 14 How serious were the financial and economic problems during the reign of Elizabeth I? [50]
- 15 'Elizabeth I's popularity declined dramatically after 1588.' How far do you agree? [50]

**The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642**

- 16 'The conflicts between James I and his parliaments were never serious.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 17 'Charles I's personal rule brought stability to England in the period from 1629 to 1640.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 How far was Pym to blame for the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642? [50]

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