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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:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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 Assess the reasons for political instability in the period from 1035 to 1065. [50]
- 2 'The Scandinavian landings in the north of England were the most important reason for Harold's failure to defeat William of Normandy.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 3 How important was the new Norman elite in the suppression of opposition to William I's rule? [50]

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509

- 4 'Overmighty subjects were the most important reason for the wars between the Lancastrians and Yorkists.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 5 Assess the reasons why Edward IV's second reign was more successful than his first. [50]
- 6 'Securing trade agreements was Henry VII's most important foreign policy achievement.' How far do you agree? [50]

Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558

- 7 'Wolsey's greatest domestic achievement was the raising of revenue.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 8 How effectively did Henry VIII govern from 1540 to 1547? [50]
- 9 Assess the reasons why foreign affairs caused problems during the reign of Edward VI. [50]

Church and State 1529–1589

- 10 How much support was there for the Church in the early sixteenth century? [50]
- 11 'There was little popular support for the restoration of Catholicism under Mary I.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 12 Assess the seriousness of the problems facing Catholics from 1558 to 1589. [50]

England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603

- 13 How serious were the religious problems Elizabeth I faced in 1558? [50]
- 14 'Elizabeth I failed to manage her parliaments effectively.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 15 To what extent were monopolies the most serious economic and financial problem Elizabeth I faced? [50]

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

- 16 'Peace with Spain (1604) was the most serious cause of foreign policy disputes between James I and his parliaments.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 17 'The inadequacy of royal finances was the most important cause of James I's financial problems.' How far do you agree? [50]
- 18 How far were Charles I's opponents to blame for the outbreak of civil war in 1642? [50]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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