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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
F961/01
HISTORY

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

THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2011: Afternoon
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

8 page answer booklet
(sent with general stationery)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

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.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure 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.

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Answer any TWO questions.

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

- 1 How effective was the government of Edward the Confessor? [50]**

- 2 To what extent was Edward the Confessor to blame for the disputed succession at the end of his reign? [50]**

- 3 How successfully did William I deal with opposition to his rule? [50]**

LANCASTRIANS, YORKISTS AND TUDORS 1450–1509

- 4 How effectively did Edward IV control the nobility after 1470? [50]**

- 5 ‘The most important reason why Richard III lost the throne in 1485 was lack of support from the nobility.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

- 6 How successful was Henry VII in achieving his foreign policy aims? [50]**

HENRY VIII TO MARY I 1509–1558

- 7 How significant were the reforms of Thomas Cromwell in changing the government of England by 1547? [50]**
- 8 How successful were the governments of Somerset and Northumberland in dealing with the problems they faced? [50]**
- 9 ‘Economic problems were the greatest challenge facing the government of Mary I.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

CHURCH AND STATE 1529–1589

- 10 How serious was opposition to Henry VIII’s religious changes? [50]**
- 11 How much support was there for Puritanism in the years from 1558 to 1589? [50]**
- 12 ‘The Catholic challenge to Elizabeth in the years from 1558 to 1589 was never serious.’ How far do you agree? [50]**

ENGLAND UNDER ELIZABETH I 1558–1603

- 13 How successfully did Elizabeth I handle factions in her court and government? [50]**
- 14 Assess the reasons why the issue of Elizabeth I's marriage and the succession caused disputes during her reign. [50]**
- 15 How successfully did Elizabeth I handle the financial problems she faced? [50]**

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

- 16 'The Thirty Years War caused the most serious foreign policy dispute between James I and his Parliaments.' How far do you agree? [50]**
- 17 How effective was the policy of 'Thorough' in England and Ireland? [50]**
- 18 How far was Charles I to blame for the outbreak of Civil War in 1642? [50]**

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