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ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE**

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HISTORY B

Historical Explanation – British History

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 ONE question. Each question is in two parts. Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.**

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 50.**
- **This paper contains questions on the following four Options:**
 - **Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–85 (page 3)**
 - **Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 4)**
 - **Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 5)**
 - **The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 6)**
- **Each Option has 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.**

LANCASTRIANS AND YORKISTS, 1437–85

Answer **BOTH** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **EITHER**

1 Edward IV's Second Reign, 1471–83

(a) Why was the Duke of Clarence executed in 1478? [25]

(b) How would you best explain Edward IV's failure to plan properly for the succession? [25]

OR

2 Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–85

(a) How would you best explain Richard of Gloucester's importance to Edward IV? [25]

(b) Why did Richard III lose the support of the nobility between 1483 and 1485? [25]

TUDOR FINALE: THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH I, 1558–1603

Answer **BOTH** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **EITHER**

3 The struggle with Spain

- (a) Why was Philip II willing to help those who wished to overthrow Elizabeth? [25]**
- (b) Why was Elizabeth willing to help the Dutch rebels against Philip II? [25]**

OR

4 The Governance of Elizabethan England

- (a) Why did Elizabeth face opposition from her Parliaments? [25]**
- (b) Why was Parliament important to Elizabeth? [25]**

**LIBERAL SUNSET: THE RISE AND FALL OF
'NEW LIBERALISM', 1890–1922**

Answer **BOTH** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **EITHER**

5 New Liberalism: the 1906 General Election

(a) Why did Joseph Chamberlain pursue Tariff Reform? [25]

(b) Why did the Conservatives lose the General Election of 1906? [25]

OR

6 Women and the Vote: 1900–1918

(a) Why was women's suffrage becoming an important issue around 1900? [25]

(b) Why did the Suffragettes use violent methods? [25]

THE END OF CONSENSUS: BRITAIN 1945–90

Answer **BOTH** parts of your chosen question.

Answer **EITHER**

7 Wilson's Labour Governments (1964–70): consensus devalued

(a) Why was Enoch Powell sacked in 1968? [25]

(b) Why did the Labour Government lose the General Election of 1970? [25]

OR

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1979–83): the end of consensus

(a) How would you best explain support for 'Thatcherism'? [25]

(b) Why did Britain go to war over the Falkland Islands in 1982? [25]

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