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HISTORY B
Historical Explanation – British History

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013: Afternoon

DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(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.**
- **Answer ONE question. Each question is in two parts. Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.**
- **Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

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 4)
 - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 5)
 - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 6)
 - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 7)
- 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.
- Any blank pages are indicated.

LANCASTRIANS AND YORKISTS, 1437–85

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

1 Edward IV and Warwick, 1461–71

- (a) Why was Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, important to Edward IV? [25]**
- (b) Why was Edward IV deposed in 1470? [25]**

OR

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

- (a) Why were Richard's achievements as Duke of Gloucester important? [25]**
- (b) Why did Richard act so quickly to establish control over his nephews on the death of Edward IV? [25]**

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

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

3 The problem posed by Mary Queen of Scots

- (a) Why did Mary Queen of Scots consistently maintain her claim to the English throne? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Babington Plot lead to the execution of Mary Queen of Scots? [25]**

OR

4 The Governance of Elizabethan England

- (a) Why was there tension between Elizabeth and her Parliaments? [25]**
- (b) Why did opposition to Elizabeth from her Council and Parliament always fall short of open revolt? [25]**

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

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

5 The problem of Ireland 1912–22

- (a) Why did many Irish people support Home Rule by 1914? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Easter Rising of 1916 have important consequences for Ireland? [25]**

OR

6 War, Disunity and Collapse: 1914–22

- (a) Why was Lloyd George a more effective war leader than Asquith? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Coalition Government continue after the end of the war? [25]**

THE END OF CONSENSUS: BRITAIN 1945–90

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

7 The Macmillan Years (1957–64): consensus confirmed

- (a) Why did the Conservatives win the General Election of 1959? [25]**
- (b) Why had the Conservative government lost popular support by 1964? [25]**

OR

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–90): triumph and fall

- (a) Why did the Thatcher government face opposition from the miners? [25]**
- (b) Why did Thatcher face opposition from within her own party? [25]**

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