

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**AS GCE**  
**F981/01**  
**HISTORY B**  
**Historical Explanation – British History**

**THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014: Afternoon**  
**DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes**  
**plus your additional time allowance**  
**MODIFIED ENLARGED**

**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 The personal rule of Henry VI to 1450**

- (a) Why did the ambitions of the nobility cause problems for Henry VI up to 1450? [25]**
- (b) Why did the religious devotion of Henry VI affect his reign up to 1450? [25]**

**OR**

### **2 Preparation for Civil War, 1450–55**

- (a) Why was Richard of York a threat to Henry VI in this period? [25]**
- (b) Why was Margaret of Anjou important in the years up to 1455? [25]**

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

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

**Answer EITHER**

### **3 Catholics and Puritans: the Religious Settlement of 1558–9 and its aftermath**

- (a) Why did Elizabeth introduce her Religious Settlement in 1559? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Catholic threat gradually diminish during Elizabeth's reign? [25]**

**OR**

### **4 The Growth and Treatment of Poverty in Elizabethan England**

- (a) Why was vagrancy a problem during the period 1558–1603? [25]**
- (b) Why did attitudes to poverty and vagrancy change during the period 1558–1603? [25]**

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

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

**Answer EITHER**

### **5 Socialism, Trade Unionism and the Rise of Labour c1890–1906**

- (a) Why did trade unions suffer setbacks during the period up to 1906? [25]**
- (b) Why was the formation of a Labour Representation Committee in 1900 important? [25]**

**OR**

### **6 War, Disunity and Collapse: 1914–22**

- (a) Why was Asquith's ineffective wartime leadership important? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Coalition Government fail to live up to expectations between 1918 and 1922? [25]**

## **THE END OF CONSENSUS: BRITAIN 1945–90**

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

**Answer EITHER**

### **7 The Post-war Labour Government (1945–51): the beginning of consensus**

- (a) Why did the Labour Party win the General Election of 1945 with such a large majority? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Labour Government agree to the independence and partition of India? [25]**

**OR**

### **8 Wilson's Labour Governments (1964–70): consensus devalued**

- (a) Why did the Wilson government struggle to stabilise the economy in the period up to the end of 1967? [25]**
- (b) Why was the defeat of the Labour Party in the General Election of 1970 unexpected? [25]**



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