

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
AS GCE
F981/01
HISTORY B
Historical Explanation – British History
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015: Afternoon
DURATION: 1 hour 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance
MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt**

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, 1437–1485 (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 1945–1990 (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.

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Lancastrians and Yorkists, 1437–1485

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

1 The Wars of the Roses, 1455–1485

- (a) Why was dynastic rivalry between the houses of Lancaster and York important to the start of war in 1455? [25]**
- (b) Why was the role of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, important during the period 1455–1471? [25]**

OR

2 Richard of Gloucester as Duke and King, 1469–1485

- (a) Why was the relationship between Richard of Gloucester and his brothers, Edward IV and the Duke of Clarence, important? [25]**
- (b) Why was Richard III's inability to keep the support of his nobility important? [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 were the differing values and beliefs of Elizabeth and Philip II important? [25]

(b) Why was the Spanish Armada launched by Philip II? [25]

OR

4 The problem of men and marriage

(a) Why were the motives and actions of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, important for the question of Elizabeth's marriage? [25]

(b) Why did the Earl of Essex rebel against 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 was Joseph Chamberlain’s pursuit of tariff reform important? [25]**
- (b) Why did the Liberals win a large majority in the House of Commons in the General Election of 1906? [25]**

OR

6 The Problem of Ireland 1912–1922

- (a) Why was the idea of Home Rule challenged by an increasing number of Irishmen after 1914? [25]**
- (b) Why was the failure of the Easter Rising of 1916 important? [25]**

The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–1990

Answer BOTH parts of your chosen question.

Answer EITHER

7 The Post-war Labour Government (1945–1951): the beginning of consensus

(a) Why was the emergence of a political, social and economic consensus important during the years 1945–51? [25]

(b) Why did Aneurin Bevan succeed in passing the National Health Service Act in 1946? [25]

OR

8 The Thatcher Revolution (1983–1990): triumph and fall

(a) Why was the defeat of the Miners' Strike of 1984–5 important? [25]

(b) Why, by 1990, had Thatcher become a divisive figure within the Conservative party? [25]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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