

**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**

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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, 1437–1485 (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.**

## **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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