



Thursday 22 May 2014 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY B

F981/01 Historical Explanation – British History

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



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.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 2)
 - Tudor Finale: The Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558–1603 (page 3)
 - Liberal Sunset: The Rise and Fall of ‘New Liberalism’, 1890–1922 (page 4)
 - The End of Consensus: Britain 1945–90 (page 5)
- 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.
- This document consists of **8** pages. 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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