History
Advanced Subsidiary
Unit 1
Option A: England in the Middle Ages and the Transition to the Early Modern World

Wednesday 14 May 2014 – Afternoon
Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions
• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Answer TWO questions: ONE question on each of the TWO topics for which you have been prepared. You may only answer ONE question on each topic.
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 60.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• The quality of your written communication will be assessed in all your responses – you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Keep an eye on the time.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
A1 – Alfred the Great and the Vikings, 793–c900

EITHER

1 Why, in the years 865–878, was the Great Army able to overcome the kingdoms of East Anglia, Northumbria and Mercia, but unable to overcome Wessex?

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

2 How far do you agree that Alfred's greatest achievement after 878 was the reorganisation of his kingdom's defences?

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)


EITHER

3 How far do you agree that Hardrada's invasion was the most important reason for Harold Godwinson's defeat by Duke William?

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

4 To what extent did the Norman kings transform England after 1066?

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216

EITHER

5 How far were Henry II and John personally responsible for the difficult relations with the Church during their reigns?

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

6 To what extent did Richard I’s involvement in the Third Crusade weaken his control over both England and the Angevin territories in France?

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)
A4 – From Black Death to Great Revolt: England, 1348–81

EITHER

7 How accurate is it to say that economic and social conditions in England were changed dramatically by the plagues of 1348–75?

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

8 How far was growing hostility towards landowners responsible for the Peasants’ Revolt of 1381?

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

A5 – Anglo-French Rivalry: Henry V and Henry VI, 1413–53

EITHER

9 How far were the weaknesses of French military forces responsible for English successes in France in the years 1415–20?

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

10 How accurate is it to say that the influence of Joan of Arc was the most important reason for the recovery of French fortunes in the years 1422–35?

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

A6 – The Wars of the Roses in England, 1455–85

EITHER

11 Why, despite setbacks, was the Yorkist campaign against the Lancastrians successful in the years 1455–61?

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

12 How far do you agree that Richard III was responsible for his own downfall?

(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)

A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509

EITHER

13 How successful was Henry VII’s administration of both justice and royal finance?

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 To what extent did Henry VII’s diplomatic relations with other rulers strengthen his position as king?

(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)
Put a cross in the box indicating the FIRST question you have chosen to answer ✗.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box ✗ and then put a cross in another box ✗.

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Put a cross in the box indicating the SECOND question you have chosen to answer ☒. Your second question choice must be on a different topic to your first question choice. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.

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