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HISTORY

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Paper 1a British History Outlines, c.300–c.1399

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2 hours 15 minutes



You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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Section 1: c.300–c.690

- 1 What best explains the instability of Roman Britain in the fourth century?
- 2 How substantial an impact did the Anglo-Saxon settlements of the fifth and sixth centuries have on England?
- 3 How similar was the development of the kingdoms of East Anglia and Mercia in the seventh century?
- 4 'The quality of its kings explains the achievements of Northumbria in the seventh century.' Does it?
- 5 How important was the role of Augustine to the success of the Roman mission?

Section 2: c.670–978

- 6 What best explains the rise of Mercia under Aethelbald and Offa?
- 7 'Entirely negative.' Assess this view of the impact of the Viking invasions of c.786 to 871 on England.
- 8 How important was the revival of learning to Alfred's rule as king of Wessex?
- 9 How far did Aethelstan achieve his aims?
- 10 'The main strength of the tenth-century Anglo-Saxon Church was in its monastic foundations.' Was it?

Section 3: 978–1135

- 11 How far did Ethelred II achieve his aims?
- 12 What best explains the varying fortunes of the Danish monarchs, 1016–1042?
- 13 How effective was Edward the Confessor as king of England?
- 14 How substantial was the opposition to the Norman conquest of England in 1066?
- 15 How well-governed was England under Henry I?

Section 4: 1135–1272

- 16 What best explains the difficulties Stephen faced in ruling England?
- 17 Assess the strengths and weaknesses of Henry II's government of England.
- 18 'Entirely selfish.' Assess this view of Richard I as king of England.
- 19 Was John's incompetence the main factor in the loss of his French lands?
- 20 'Over-reliance on French advisors accounts for Henry III's problems as king of England from 1227 to 1258.' Discuss.

Section 5: 1272–1399

- 21 What best explains why Edward I was more successful fighting the Welsh than the Scots?
- 22 'Opposition to Edward II primarily arose from his failures as a military leader.' Did it?
- 23 How effective were Edward III's reforms of government in England?
- 24 How far was incompetent leadership responsible for England's difficulties in the Hundred Years War in the period 1369 to 1396?
- 25 Who contributed more to the crisis of Richard II's reign in 1399: the king or the nobility?

Section 6: Themes

- 26 To what extent did the agrarian economy change in the years c.1000 to c.1300?
- 27 How well-led was the English Church in the period c.1066 to c.1216?
- 28 'Only better-off women had any independence in medieval society.' Assess this view.
- 29 How valid is the view that there was a 'Twelfth-Century Renaissance' in England?
- 30 Why was the impact of the Black Death so far-reaching?

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