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Paper 1b British History Outlines, c.1399–c.1760

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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: 1399–1485

- 1 'Henry IV's reign was overshadowed by the circumstances of his accession.' Discuss.
- 2 How is the loss of France in 1453 best explained?
- 3 How significant to the loss of Henry VI's throne in 1461 was the role of Margaret of Anjou?
- 4 To what extent do the personal strengths and weaknesses of Edward IV explain the changes of monarch, 1469–1471?
- 5 'Consistent aims and policies.' To what extent is this an accurate judgement of the foreign policy of the Yorkist Kings, 1471–1485?

Section 2: 1485–1547

- 6 To what extent were the fortunes of the Scottish monarchy, 1488–1542, dependent upon foreign relations?
- 7 What best explains Henry VII's attitudes and policies towards the nobility?
- 8 How successful were the domestic policies of Thomas Wolsey?
- 9 What best explains why Henry VIII was able to maintain royal supremacy over the English Church?
- 10 How important was personal glory in shaping the foreign policy of Henry VIII, 1509–1547?

Section 3: 1547–1603

- 11 How significant was religion as a cause of instability in the reign of Mary I?
- 12 'A moderate compromise that pleased no one.' Discuss this view of the Elizabethan church settlement, with reference to 1559–1563.
- 13 How serious was the threat posed to Elizabeth and her government by Mary Stuart from 1568 to 1587?
- 14 How serious was opposition in Elizabethan Parliaments from 1563 onwards?
- 15 'The reasons for war with Spain in 1585 were essentially short term.' Discuss.

Section 4: 1603–c.1689

- 16 'James I was a lazy and incompetent king.' How accurate is this view?
- 17 To what extent did Archbishop Laud achieve his aims?
- 18 What best explains why Charles I was executed?
- 19 How consistent were the policies of Oliver Cromwell in the 1650s?
- 20 How effective a ruler was Charles II?

Section 5: c.1689–c.1760

- 21 To what extent were the powers of the Crown limited by the Revolution Settlement in the period from 1689 to 1714?
- 22 How far did Britain achieve its aims in the War of Spanish Succession?
- 23 What best explains the Union of England and Scotland in 1707?
- 24 What best explains why Walpole was in power for so long?
- 25 How important was the leadership of John Wesley to the growth of Methodism up to c.1760?

Section 6: Themes

- 26 How significant was the role of guilds to the development of towns in the fifteenth century?
- 27 Account for the developments in portraiture in the sixteenth century.
- 28 What best explains the growth in scientific interest across the seventeenth century?
- 29 What best explains the changing fortunes of religious dissent in the second half of the seventeenth century?
- 30 What best explains the growth in overseas trade and colonisation in the period c.1650–c.1760?

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