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**Edexcel GCE**

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

Tuesday 15 May 2012 – Morning <b>Time: 1 hour 20 minutes</b>	Paper Reference <b>6HI01/A</b>
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**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.

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**You must start the answer to your first question on page 4.  
You must start the answer to your second question on page 12.**

**A1 – Alfred the Great and the Vikings, 793–c900**

**EITHER**

- 1** How far do you agree that the Vikings' military skills were the main reason for their successes against the Anglo-Saxons in the 860s and 870s?

**(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 2** How far do you agree that Alfred's greatest achievements as king of Wessex were accomplished after the battle of Edington in 878?

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**

**A2 – The Norman Conquest and its Impact on England, 1066–1135**

**EITHER**

- 3** Why was Harold Godwinson able to defeat Harald Hardrada at Stamford Bridge, but unable to defeat William of Normandy at Hastings?

**(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 4** Why was English resistance to the Norman Conquest so unsuccessful in the years after 1066?

**(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)**

**A3 – The Angevin Empire, 1154–1216**

**EITHER**

- 5** How accurate is it to describe Henry II as a great reforming monarch?

**(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 6** Why did opposition to King John become so bitter during his reign?

**(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 existing social conditions were mainly responsible for the rapid spread of the Black Death in the years 1348–50?

**(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 8** Why was the Peasants' Revolt so easily suppressed?

**(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 9** How far do you agree that the rivalry between the Burgundian and Armagnac factions was the most important reason for Henry V's successes in France?

**(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 10** How far do you agree that the revival of the French monarchy was the main reason for the gradual collapse of English power in France in the years 1429–53?

**(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)**

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

**EITHER**

- 11** To what extent was the financial weakness of the Crown responsible for the outbreak of civil conflict in 1455?

**(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 12** How accurate is it to say that the Yorkist kings restored royal authority in England in the years 1471–85?

**(Total for Question 12 = 30 marks)**

**A7 – The Reign of Henry VII, 1485–1509**

**EITHER**

- 13** To what extent did Henry VII secure his position as king between 1485 and the execution of Warwick and Warbeck in 1499?

**(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)**

**OR**

- 14** How far do you agree that the main aim of Henry VII's foreign policy was to strengthen his security in England?

**(Total for Question 14 = 30 marks)**







































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