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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 Why was Henry IV successful in his policy to subdue Wales?
- 2 How successful was Henry V in both domestic and foreign affairs?
- 3 'Factionous nobility, not personal inadequacy, best explains why Henry VI lost his throne in 1461.' Does it?
- 4 How successful was Edward IV's first reign 1461–1470?
- 5 'He was never able to escape the circumstances of his accession.' Assess this view of Richard III.

Section 2: 1485–1547

- 6 How strong was the Scottish monarchy under James IV and James V?
- 7 'Henry VII's foremost concern was the security of his dynasty.' Discuss.
- 8 How persuasive is the view that there was no 'Tudor revolution in government' in the 1530s?
- 9 How damaging for England was the dissolution of the monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII?
- 10 'Its aims were invariably unrealistic.' Consider this view of foreign policy in the reign of Henry VIII.

Section 3: 1547–1603

- 11 How effective were Somerset and Northumberland in governing England during the reign of Edward VI?
- 12 How able a queen was Mary I?
- 13 'Highly successful.' Assess this view of the Elizabethan religious settlement established in the years 1559–1563.
- 14 'Elizabeth I managed her parliaments successfully.' Discuss, with reference to the period 1565–1603.
- 15 Why did England's relations with Spain change so much from 1558 to 1585?

Section 4: 1603–c.1689

- 16 'A lazy and ineffective king.' How far do you agree with this view of James I as King of England?
- 17 Why was Charles I forced to call two parliaments in 1640?
- 18 Why, during the Interregnum, did it prove impossible to provide Britain with settled government?
- 19 How much was restored by the restoration of the monarchy in 1660?
- 20 How realistic were James II's aims as monarch 1685–1688?

Section 5: c.1689–c.1760

- 21 How much change, in the years 1689–1701, did the 'Glorious Revolution' bring to government in England?
- 22 What best explains why Scotland was prepared to support political union with England in 1707?
- 23 What best explains why, as prime minister, Walpole faced more opposition after 1733 than before?
- 24 'The saviour of his country.' Discuss this view of Pitt the Elder.
- 25 'In the period 1714–1760, the Church of England underwent a period of unrelieved decline.' Did it?

Section 6: Themes

- 26 Why did some towns thrive and others decline in the fifteenth century?
- 27 How significant a role did women play in social and economic life in the sixteenth century?
- 28 What best explains the popularity of plays and playhouses in seventeenth-century England?
- 29 How important was London to intellectual and scientific developments in seventeenth-century Britain?
- 30 What best explains the dominant role of the East India Company in the development of Britain's overseas trade and colonisation in the eighteenth century?

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