

Section 1: 1399–1485

- 1 Why did Henry V renew the war with France so soon after his accession?
- 2 Why was Henry IV successful in his policy to subdue Wales?
- 3 What best explains the stability of Henry VI's minority government?
- 4 How successful was Edward IV's first reign (1461–1470)?
- 5 How consistent was the foreign policy of the Yorkist Kings in the years 1471–1485?

Section 2: 1485–1558

- 6 How strong was the Scottish monarchy under James IV and James V?
- 7 How able a king was Henry VII?
- 8 ***(Candidates offering Paper 5c: The Reign of Henry VIII should not answer this question.)***
How effectively did Wolsey serve the interests of Henry VIII?
- 9 ***(Candidates offering Paper 5c: The Reign of Henry VIII should not answer this question.)***
How much support was there for the Henrician Reformation?
- 10 Why was the reign of Edward VI so unsettled?

Section 3: 1558–1603

- 11 Assess the view that, in the years 1559–1563, Elizabeth I got the religious settlement she intended.
- 12 How serious a threat did Mary Stuart pose to the Elizabethan regime in the years 1568–1587?
- 13 Were her parliaments more of a help or more of a hindrance to Elizabeth I?
- 14 What best explains why England went to war with Spain in the mid-1580s?
- 15 Why did English policies towards Ireland not meet with more success in this period?

Section 4: Themes c. 1399–c. 1603

- 16 What best explains the persistence of Lollardy in the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries in England?
- 17 Why was the fifteenth century a 'golden age' for the labourer?
- 18 How great were the changes to the role of women in the fifteenth century?
- 19 Why was portraiture so popular in Tudor England?
- 20 Evaluate the impact of inflation on society and on the economy in the sixteenth century.
- 21 How dominant was London in English overseas trade in the sixteenth century?

Section 5: 1603–1689

- 22 Why was the issue of finance so important to relations between James I and his parliaments?
- 23 *(Candidates offering Paper 5e: The Reign of Charles I should not answer this question.)*
How effective was the personal rule of Charles I in the years 1629–1640?
- 24 *(Candidates offering Paper 5e: The Reign of Charles I should not answer this question.)*
Why was Charles I executed in 1649?
- 25 How stable was England in the reign of Charles II?
- 26 What best explains why James II was unable to retain his throne?

Section 6: 1688–1760

- 27 How successful was the Tory party in the reigns of William III and Anne?
- 28 How close, in the period 1714–1746, did the Jacobites come to achieving their aims?
- 29 How important is royal support in explaining why Walpole was prime minister for so long?
- 30 ‘The saviour of his country.’ Discuss this view of Pitt the Elder.
- 31 Assess the contribution of John Wesley to religious life in the period c. 1730–c. 1760.

Section 7: 1760–1815

- 32 Assess the effectiveness of George III as monarch in the 1760s.
- 33 Which better explains the American colonists' victory in the war of 1775–1783: American military tactics or foreign intervention?
- 34 'The greatest achievement of the Younger Pitt's peacetime governments (1784–1793) was the restoration of national finances.' Was it?
- 35 How important is the impact of the French Revolution in explaining the political difficulties of the Whigs during the 1790s?
- 36 What best explains Britain's mixed fortunes in the French Revolutionary War of 1793–1801?

Section 8: Themes c. 1603–1815

- 37 How great were the changes in the pattern of internal trade during the seventeenth century?
- 38 What best explains the popularity of plays and playhouses in seventeenth-century England?
- 39 What best explains the growth in religious dissent in the second half of the seventeenth century?
- 40 What best explains why British agriculture in the eighteenth century was able to meet the challenges of a rapidly growing population?
- 41 'Social change in eighteenth-century England was more extensive in the south than in the north.' Do you agree?
- 42 Do intellectual developments in eighteenth-century Scotland merit the description 'a Scottish Enlightenment'?

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