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AS Level History A

Y133 England 1199–1272

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Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the Questions in Section A and **one** Question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

King John 1199–1216

Study the three sources and then answer **both** questions.

- 1 Use your knowledge of John's attitude to the Church to assess how useful Source A is as evidence for the reasons why John quarrelled with the Pope. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that John was to blame for the problems he had with the Church. [20]

Source A: Pope Innocent III writes to King John about the appointment of Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury.

We wrote to you humbly and carefully with gentle requests on the matter of the Church at Canterbury. You wrote in reply with threats and reproaches. We have deferred to you more than we ought and you have shown us less consideration than you ought. You are trying to lessen our dignity in a way that no other prince has presumed to do. You set forth some frivolous excuse for not giving your consent to the election of our beloved son, Master Stephen, namely that he has been intimate with your enemies and is not personally known to you.

Letter from Innocent III to John, 1207

Source B: A monk at St Alban's describes a meeting between some bishops and King John in 1208.

The bishops wished, out of regard for the king, to prolong the discussion. He became nearly mad with rage and broke forth in words of blasphemy against the pope and his cardinals. He swore by God's teeth that, if they or any other priests went so far as to dare to lay his dominions under an Interdict, he would immediately send all the bishops and ordained persons to the pope and confiscate all their property. He plainly ordered the bishops to take themselves quickly from his sight if they wished to keep their bodies free from harm.

Roger of Wendover, *History of England*, written before 1236

Source C: A monk at Canterbury describes attempts in 1210 to end the quarrel between the king and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

John sent letters and messengers to the Archbishop of Canterbury asking him to come to England so that they could discuss peace together at Dover. When everything was ready for the crossing, the archbishop received letters from certain English nobles telling him not to be deceived into coming to England. For the king was so full of deceit that his word could not be relied on.

Gervase of Canterbury, *Chronicle*, 1210

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SECTION B

England 1216–1272

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How far were Henry III's problems caused by his reliance on foreign advisers? **[20]**

4* Assess the reasons for the failure of Simon de Montfort to hold on to power. **[20]**

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