

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**AS Level**

**Y135**

**HISTORY A**

**England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists  
and Henry VII**

**WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016: Afternoon**

**TIME ALLOWED: 1 hour 30 minutes  
plus your additional time allowance**

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**YOU MUST HAVE:**

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

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **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.**

## **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 (\*).**

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## **SECTION A**

### **The Wars of the Roses 1445–1461**

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of the career and character of Richard, Duke of York, to assess how useful Source C is as evidence of the motives for his return to England in 1460. [10]**
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the problem of an over-mighty nobility was the main cause of the outbreak of the Wars of the Roses. [20]**

### **SOURCE A**

**An extract from a speech given by Richard, Duke of York to the citizens of Shrewsbury in 1452.**

**It is well known unto you what admiration was ascribed of all nations to the people of this realm, whilst the kingdom's sovereign lord stood possessed of his lordship in France ... and what villainy is reported generally unto the English for loss of the same. The Duke of Somerset had the command ... and encouraged the king's enemies to conquer. The said Duke ever dominates and rules about the king's person, that by this means the land is likely to be destroyed.**

**Richard, Duke of York, Speech 1452**

## **SOURCE B**

**A chronicler gives his view of the year 1459.**

**In this same time the realm of England was out of all good governance as it had been many days before, for the King was simple and led by greedy counsel, and owed more than he was worth. His debts increased daily but payment there was none. All the possessions and lordships that belonged to the crown the King had given away.**

**An English Chronicle, 1459**

## **SOURCE C**

**A chronicler records opinions on the motives behind the return of Richard, Duke of York from exile in Ireland to England in 1460.**

**When the Duke of York returned from Ireland to the kingdom of England, landing ... near Chester, there were varied and different rumours amongst the people about his return. Some said his arrival was peaceful, and that he intended nothing else than to restore harmony among the quarrelling lords of the kingdom, and bring peace by his authority everywhere ... and reform it. But others, amongst whom were the older and wiser in mind, suspected that he was going to be argumentative against the lord king for the right of the royal crown and claim the throne by hereditary right.**

**Whethamstede's Chronicle, 1460**

## **SECTION B**

**England 1461–1509**

**Answer ONE question.**

**3\* ‘Richard of Gloucester was only able to seize the throne in 1483 because of the mistakes made by Edward IV during his reign’. How far do you agree? [20]**

**4\* How successful was the domestic policy of Henry VII? [20]**

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