

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
LEVEL 1/2 CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED HISTORY**

**B951/01**

**UNIT 1: MEDIEVAL HISTORY**

**TO BE COMPLETED BETWEEN  
5 MAY AND 22 MAY 2015**

**DURATION: 4 hours  
plus your additional time allowance**

**MODIFIED ENLARGED**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**Cover Sheet**

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

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**A cover sheet will be found inside this document.**

**Write your name, centre number and candidate number on the front of the Answer Booklet and your name on each page. If you have word processed your work then please attach your work to the Answer Booklet.**

**The task has two options:**

**OPTION 1: Raiders and Invaders: The British Isles  
c.400–c.1100.**

**OPTION 2: Power and Control: Kingship in the Middle  
Ages c.1100–c.1500.**

**Choose ONE of these options and answer the question in that option.**

**For each option there are hints about how to plan and write your answer. These hints are there to help you.**

**Complete the Cover Sheet, including the declaration.  
Please write clearly and in capital letters.**

**Use black ink.**

**Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**You will be able to research your answer by using class notes, books and any other resources in the centre.**

**When you have finished your answer, you must attach a full list of resources used, including websites.**

**You must NOT communicate with other candidates about your work during the four-hour period of the set task.**

**You may communicate with your teacher/supervisor only for technical support (for example, asking for help with using library systems/the internet).**

**Remember to give yourself enough time to write up your answer.**

**Your answer should be between 1000 and 1500 words. You may include diagrams and drawings. Your answer may be handwritten or word processed.**

**The quality of your written communication will affect your final mark.**

**The total number of marks for this task is 50.**

**Any blank pages are indicated.**

**The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.**

**Answer EITHER Option 1 OR Option 2.**

**OPTION 1 – Raiders and Invaders: the British Isles  
c.400–c.1100**

### **THE TASK**

**‘The Vikings were more successful at defeating their enemies than the Normans were.’**

**How far do you agree with this statement? Use your notes and source material, as well as your own knowledge, to explain your answer. [50]**

### **HOW TO DO WELL**

#### **HINT 1:**

**Do not write everything you know about Vikings and Normans. This question is about making up your own mind about whether the Vikings were more successful at defeating their enemies than the Normans.**

#### **HINT 2:**

**Decide which of your notes and source material are about success in defeating their enemies.**

#### **HINT 3:**

**Make sure you compare the success of Vikings and Normans in defeating their enemies, giving your views and supporting your views with evidence.**

#### **HINT 4:**

**Remember to explain whether the Vikings were more successful at defeating their enemies than the Normans or whether they were equally successful.**

#### **HINT 5:**

**You should support your arguments with relevant evidence from sources or your own knowledge.**

#### **HINT 6:**

**Your arguments should reach a conclusion that answers the question.**

## **OPTION 2 – Power and Control: Kingship in the Middle Ages c.1100–c.1500**

### **THE TASK**

**‘Both King John and King Edward I were more popular with ordinary people than they were with the barons.’**

**How far do you agree with this statement? Use your notes and source material, as well as your own knowledge, to explain your answer. [50]**

### **HOW TO DO WELL**

#### **HINT 1:**

**Do not write everything you know about King John and King Edward I. This question is about making up your own mind about whether one king was more popular than the other in their relationships with ordinary people and the barons.**

#### **HINT 2:**

**Decide which of your notes and source material are about the ways in which the actions of King John and King Edward I affected ordinary people and the barons.**

#### **HINT 3:**

**Make sure you compare each king’s popularity with ordinary people and the barons giving your views and supporting your views with evidence.**

**HINT 4:**

**Remember to explain how each king related to the barons and ordinary people.**

**HINT 5:**

**You should support your arguments with relevant evidence from sources and your own knowledge.**

**HINT 6:**

**Your arguments should reach a conclusion that answers the question.**

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