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LEVEL 1/2 CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED HISTORY

B951/01 Unit 1: Medieval History



Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- Cover sheet (inserted)
- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 4 hours



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 hand written or word-processed.
- The quality of your written communication will affect your final mark.
- The total number of marks for this task is **50**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. 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

“Society and government were fairer in Saxon times than they were in Norman times.”

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 Saxons and Normans. This question is about making up your own mind about whether society and government were fairer in Saxon than in Norman times.

Hint 2: Decide which of your notes and source material are about society and government and particularly about fairness in Saxon and Norman times. You may want to consider the experience of different groups.

Hint 3: Make sure you compare society and government in Saxon and Norman times, giving your views about fairness and supporting your views with evidence.

Hint 4: Remember to explain whether society and government were fairer in Saxon or Norman times or whether they were equally fair.

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 Henry V were more successful abroad than in England.”

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 Henry V. This question is about making up your own mind about whether each king was more successful abroad than in England.

Hint 2: Decide which of your notes and source material are about the success of these kings abroad and in England. Some of your material will be irrelevant to this question, for example, the time before each became king.

Hint 3: Make sure you compare how successful each king was, giving your views and supporting your views with evidence.

Hint 4: Remember to explain how successful each king was abroad and in England.

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.

END OF QUESTION PAPER



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