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Paper 1b British History Outlines, 1399–1815

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2 hours 15 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **three** questions, which must be chosen from **at least two** sections of the paper.

You are reminded of the need for analysis and critical evaluation in your answers to questions. You should also show, where appropriate, an awareness of links and comparisons between different countries and different periods.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper are worth 30 marks.

The syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 3 Pre-U Certificate.

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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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