



A-level HISTORY

Component 1A The Age of the Crusades, c1071–1204

Wednesday 24 May 2023 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7042/1A.
- Answer **three** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **two** questions.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 1 hour on Question 01 from **Section A**
 - 45 minutes on each of the **two** questions answered from **Section B**.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Extract A

Outremer was never likely to last. For it to survive, in the midst of enemy territory, it was necessary to have a steady renewal of manpower from the West. Rulers of Jerusalem had to appease the Byzantines and had to plot with infidel princes to ensure Muslim disunity. Whilst a few adventurers from the West arrived hoping to carve out estates for themselves, most of the reinforcements making the journey believed that it was their holy duty to fight the infidel. When they found their cousins in Outremer intriguing and trading with Muslims and allying with schismatic Greeks they were shocked. Either they returned home in disgust, or they insisted upon a more aggressive policy, thus damaging the settlers' chances of survival. It was not easy to persuade recruits to continue to journey eastward when they disliked what they saw on arrival. The Second Crusade was a miserable failure and meant that no great expedition would set out again until Saladin had reunited the Muslim world and recaptured Jerusalem itself.

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Adapted from S Runciman, *The Decline of the Crusading Ideal*, 1971

Extract B

In 1187 Jerusalem's military might was as strong as it ever had been. True, there was vicious infighting among the Christian elites, but the kingdom's resources were strong and intact. The disaster of Hattin is not a tale of one declining Christian kingdom being crushed by an ascendant Muslim power. It is rather the story of a still-strong Christian power being out-competed by a dynamic Muslim ruler. The roots of the kingdom's fall need to be located with the Muslims. Saladin's great achievement was to unite Egypt's wealth with Syria's manpower. This gave him the resources to out-compete the Christian armies in open battle. The crucial moment occurred in 1174. In this year Saladin left Egypt and forced his way into Damascus. This was risky but the gamble worked and, with Damascus under his control, he had a firm foothold in Syria from which he could not easily be dislodged. From this moment onwards Saladin was able to contemplate the overthrow of the crusader kingdom.

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Adapted from N Morton, *Three Perspectives on the Crusades*, 2015

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Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the situation in Outremer by 1187.

[30 marks]

Turn over for Section B

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

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'Western interventions in the Near East were primarily a response to Byzantium's requests for help in the years 1071 to 1099.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

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To what extent was Outremer weaker in 1149 than it had been in the 1120s?

[25 marks]

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'In the years 1146 to 1174, Nureddin was motivated more by personal ambition than by his religious beliefs.'

Assess the validity of this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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