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AS Level History A

Y132/01 Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest
1035–1107

Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

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 (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Norman England 1087–1107

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of William II 'Rufus's' attitude to the Church to assess how useful Source B is as evidence for how he exercised his power over the Church. [10]

- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that William II 'Rufus' had a poor relationship with his leading clergy. [20]

Source A: An anonymous monk, probably from Durham gives an account of the trial of William of Saint-Calais in 1088.

[William said], 'I entreated the king to restore my property to me, and, if he had any cause for complaint against me, that he would proceed against me in law as one of his bishops. Yet the king has not returned my property but distributed the lands of my Church amongst his barons at his pleasure. Afterwards, when in my own person, I offered the king justice in court, I received from him a determined negative. Not only did he keep what he had taken before, but gave further orders that I should be deprived of what remained.'

The History of the Unjust Persecution of the first Bishop William, written about 1088

Source B: A monk at Canterbury, who was a close friend of Anselm, describes events in 1097.

Anselm sent a message to the king that with the utmost urgency he wished, with the king's permission, to go to Rome. At this the king was astounded and said: 'Certainly not. We cannot believe that he is guilty of any such sin as to need absolution which only the pope can give, or that he is in want of any advice. We are convinced that, where it is a case of advice, he is better able to help the pope than the pope to help him.' This refusal was reported to Anselm. He replied: 'He holds the mastery and can do as he pleases.'

Eadmer (c.1060–c.1126), History of Recent Events in England

Source C: The archbishop of Canterbury writes to the Pope.

I have been archbishop for four years but I have borne no fruit. I have lived uselessly... I have kept seeing in that country many evils which it was wrong for me to tolerate, but which I had not a bishop's freedom to express. Moreover, the king himself did some things which ought not to be done in the Church. After the death of a bishop he would deal with things in a way that was not right. He did not restore to me the lands held by archbishop Lanfranc which he had given to his knights.

Anselm, Letter, 1098

SECTION B**Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1035–1107**

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How far was Harold responsible for the outcome of the Battle of Hastings? **[20]**

4* Assess how far taxation was the main reason why William I had the Domesday Book compiled. **[20]**

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