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## AS Level History A

**Y135/01** England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

**Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Afternoon**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

### 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

## Wars of the Roses 1445–1461

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of the years 1450–55 to assess how useful Source A is in explaining the reasons for crisis in England at that time. [10]
- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the problems of 1450–1455 were not caused by the actions of Richard, Duke of York. [20]

**Source A: Record of a charge against two Sussex farmers in 1450.**

It is to be inquired for our sovereign lord the King whether John Merfield and William Merfield, husbandmen, falsely said that the King was a natural fool and would often hold a staff in his hands with a bird on the end, playing therewith as a fool, and that another king must be ordained to rule the land, saying that the King was no person able to rule the land.

*From the records of the Sussex County Court, 1450*

**Source B: Extract from the demands of the rebels in the Cade Rebellion of 1450.**

Our sovereign lord is above his laws to his pleasure, and he may make them and break them as he will, without any distinction. The Commons of England would first destroy the King's friends and then bring the Duke of York to be King, as by their false means and lies these King's friends make him to hate and destroy his true friends and cherish his false traitors.

*From Stow's Chronicle, 1450*

**Source C: Extract from the attainder of Jack Cade in 1451.**

Pray your commons of this present parliament that the false traitor John Cade, naming himself John Mortimer and Captain of Kent, within this your noble realm of England, falsely and traitorously plotted your death, destruction, and the subversion of your realm in gathering and raising a great number of people and stirring them to rise against you falsely, by the advice of your lords spiritual and temporal be attainted of treason.

*From Rotuli Parliamentorum, 1451*

**SECTION B****England 1461–1509**

Answer **ONE** question.

**3\*** 'Richard III was responsible for the downfall of the Yorkist dynasty in 1485.' How far do you agree? **[20]**

**4\*** How far was trade the most important motive behind the foreign policy of Henry VII? **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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