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AS Level History A

Y136/01 England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

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You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Section A

Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558

Study the **three** sources and answer **both** questions in this section.

1 Use your knowledge of the rebellions of 1549 to assess how useful **Source B** is as evidence of the instability caused by the unrest in 1549. **[10]**

2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the duke of Somerset was responsible for his own downfall. **[20]**

Source A: William Paget, a trusted advisor to protector Somerset, writes to him criticising his conduct and its consequences.

I told your grace the truth and was not believed. The king's subjects are out of all discipline, out of obedience, caring neither for protector nor king. And what is the cause? Your own softness? Your intention to be good to the poor? Consider, I beseech you most humbly, that society in a realm is maintained by means of religion and law. The use of the old religion is forbidden by a law, and the use of the new is not yet embraced by eleven out of twelve parts of the realm. As for the law, the foot takes on him the part of the head, and the common people are behaving like a king.

William Paget, letter, 7 July 1549.

Source B: The Privy Council considers the state of the nation in 1549 and suggests an explanation for the critical situation that has developed within England.

© Derrick Murphy; Allan Keen; Michael Tillbrook; Patrick Walsh-Atkins, England 1485-1603, p 189, Harper Collins, 1999. From First Line "The members of the king's majesty's Privy Council," to last line "but also deciding to follow his own fantasies from which all the said disorders and mischiefs have a

Source C: Sitting as a court, parliament discusses charges against the duke of Somerset, former lord protector to Edward VI. It was commonly believed that the evidence was a forgery.

Northumberland feared Somerset as the only person who might take away his control of the king. The duke planned to charge Somerset with treason for assembling men to kill him. The Lords debated but would not find Somerset guilty of any charge except 'conspiring to imprison Northumberland'. Several lords thought it unfit that Northumberland should himself give his verdict because the actions were against him, but it was agreed that a peer of the realm could not be challenged. After great debate, they all acquitted Somerset of treason, but a majority found him guilty of felony* and condemned him to death.

* Felony - a violent crime

Parliamentary record of charges made against the duke of Somerset, January 1552.

Section B

England 1485–1547

Answer Question 3 **or** Question 4.

3* Assess the reasons why there was so much opposition to the rule of Henry VII. **[20]**

4* 'Henry VII failed to achieve his aims in foreign policy.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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