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AS Level History A

Y136 England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors

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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 answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- 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

Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558

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

- 1 Use your knowledge of unrest in 1549 to assess how useful Source C is as evidence for the breakdown of stability in 1549. **[10]**

- 2 Using these three sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that religious changes were the main cause of unrest in 1549. **[20]**

Source A: The king, Edward VI, in a letter written for him by Protector Somerset, lists some of the demands of the rebels of Devon and Cornwall.

For baptism, you are fearful that your children should now only be christened on holy days. You say certain Cornishmen are offended because they do not have their service in Cornish, since they understand no English.

You object that religious changes were made without my knowledge. But I deny this and affirm that the prayer book is according to scripture and the word of God.

You require the tax granted to me by parliament on cloth and sheep be cancelled. You complain of the shortage of food and other things.

Edward VI, *letter*, July 1549

Source B: From the demands of Kett's rebels.

Article 3: We pray your grace that no lord of the manor encloses the common land.

Article 5: We pray that reed ground and meadow ground are the same rent as they were in the first year of King Henry VII.

Article 8: We pray that priests or vicars that are unable to preach and set forth the word of God to their parishioners may be removed from their benefice and the parishioners choose another.

Article 10: We pray no man under the status of knight or esquire keep a dovecote, unless it has been the custom.

Kett's Demands being in rebellion, July 1549

Source C: Protector Somerset expresses his views about the unrest to a close advisor.

Some rebels wish to pull down enclosures and parks; some want to recover their common land; others pretend religion is their motive. A number would want to rule for a time, and do as gentlemen have done, and indeed all have a great hatred of gentlemen and regard them as their enemies. The ruffians among them, and the soldiers, who are the leaders, look for loot. So the rebellions are nothing other than a plague and a fury among the vilest and worst sort of men.

Protector Somerset, *letter*, 24 August 1549

SECTION B

England 1485–1547

Answer **ONE** question.

3* How serious were the challenges to Henry VII's rule? **[20]**

4* How successful was Wolsey's domestic policy? **[20]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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