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**Wednesday 5 June 2019 – Afternoon**

**A Level History A**

**Y103/01 England 1199–1272**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A and either Question 2 or Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

**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

## King John 1199–1216

Study the four sources and then answer Question 1.

- 1 Using these four sources in their historical context, assess how far they support the view that the actions of King Philip were the reason for John's loss of his French lands in 1204. [30]

**Source A: A monk gives an account of events in 1202.**

At length the French court assembled and judged that the king of England should be deprived of all the lands which he and his predecessors had held from the French king, because they had done scarcely any service owed for a long time and had refused to obey their lord. King Philip, therefore, gladly accepted and approved of the judgement of his court. He gathered an army and immediately attacked the castle of Boutavant, which had been built by King Richard in Normandy and razed it to the ground... He took the county and castle of Aumâle, the county of Eu and the whole of that land as far as Arques and met with no resistance.

*Ralph of Coggeshall, Chronicle, written before 1208*

**Source B: A French author reports a discussion between King John and William the Marshal in 1203.**

William the Marshal said, 'Sire, you have not enough friends. If you provoke your enemy to fight you will diminish your own force.' John replied, 'Whoever is afraid, let him flee! I myself will not flee for a year.'... William replied, 'I know that well, sire, but you who are wise and mighty and whose work is governing us all, have not been careful to avoid irritating people. If you had it would have been better for us all.'

*History of William the Marshal, written before 1219*

**Source C: King John writes to his commander at the castle of Château Gaillard.**

We thank you for your good and faithful service, and desire that, as much as in you lies, you will persevere in the fidelity and homage which you owe us. Hence you will receive praise from God and from ourself and from all who know your faithfulness. If, however – which God forbid! – you should find yourself in such straits that you can hold out no longer, then do whatever our trusty and well-beloved Hugh of Howels, our clerk, shall bid you in our name.

*King John, Letter, 1203*

**Source D: Roger of Wendover, a monk at St Alban's, describes events in 1203.**

The French king, when he learned that the king of England had left France, went in great strength to each of the towns and castles of the district, explaining to the citizens and governors of castles that they were deserted by their lord. He also said that he was the principal lord of those provinces, and if the English king should ignominiously abandon them, he had no intention of losing the higher authority over them which was his. He begged them as a friend to receive him as their lord, since they had no other. But, he declared with an oath, that if they did not do this willingly, he would hang them all or flay them alive.

*Roger of Wendover, History of England, written before 1236*

**SECTION B****England 1216–1272**

Answer **ONE** question.

- 2\*** Assess the view that the support of the pope was the main reason why Henry III was able to regain power in 1261–1262. **[20]**
- 3\*** 'Simon de Montfort lacked the necessary military and political skills to retain power.' How far do you agree? **[20]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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