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A Level History A

Unit Y106

England 1485–1558: the Early Tudors

Sample Question Paper

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Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet

Other materials required:

- None



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Question 1 in Section A and either Question 2 or Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

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 **8** pages.

Section A**Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558**

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 female rule was a serious problem in the 1550s.

[30]

Source A: Edward VI issues his ‘Devise for the Succession’ setting out who shall succeed to the crown in the event of his death.

Available from: *Letters Patent for the limitation of the Crown, 21 June 1553*

The extract opens ‘As Lady Mary and Lady Elizabeth are both illegitimate’ and ends ‘to the Lady Jane and her male heirs’.

For other examples of this type of question, please see our past papers, available through our website and Interchange. Alternatively, see our ExamBuilder platform for the full list of relevant mock questions.

Source B: Having disregarded her Council’s advice to leave the capital for her own protection, Queen Mary addresses the citizens of London to rally their support against Wyatt’s approaching rebels.

Available from *Mary I, Guildhall speech, 1 February 1554*

The extract opens ‘At my coronation, when I was wedded to this realm’ and ends ‘I am sure we shall speedily overthrow these rebels’.

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Source C: The Act of Parliament for a marriage treaty between Mary I and Prince Philip of Spain sets out the terms to protect English interests.

Available from *Act for the Marriage of Queen Mary to Philip of Spain, 1554*

The extract starts 'This treaty greatly honours and benefits England' and ends 'the prince shall observe England's peace with France'.

For other examples of this type of question, please see our past papers, available through our website and Interchange. Alternatively, see our ExamBuilder platform for the full list of relevant mock questions.

Source D: A Scottish Calvinist preacher expresses his opinion on female rule.

Available from *John Knox, The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women, 1558*

The extract starts 'To promote a woman to rule a nation is unnatural' and ends 'their advice, foolishness; and their judgement, frenzy'.

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Section B

The Early Tudors

Answer **ONE** question.

EITHER

2* How successful was the foreign policy of Henry VII?

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OR

3* Assess the reasons for Wolsey's fall from power.

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Source B: Modernised. An original version can be found at: English History, Henry Ince and James Gilbert, Kent & Co. 1860,

Source C: Modernised. An original version can be found at: Select documents of English constitutional history, George Burton Adams and Henry Morse Stephens, London, Macmillan & Co., Ltd., 1918.

Source D: Modernised from: The First Blast of the Trumpet against the monstrous regiment of Women, John Knox, 1558.

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