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A Level History A

Y103/01 England 1199–1272

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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 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.
- 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

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 John had little success in fighting in France. [30]

Source A: King John writes to his barons after Mirebeau.

Know that by the grace of God we are safe and well and God's mercy worked wonderfully with us...for when we were on the road to Chinon, we heard that our lady mother was closely besieged at Mirebeau and we hurried there as fast as we could...There we captured our nephew Arthur...and Geoffrey of Lusignan, Hugh le Brun...and all our other Poitevin enemies who were there, being upwards of two hundred knights.

King John, Letter, 1202

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

William des Roches, a powerful member of the Angevin nobility, with other nobles from Brittany petitioned the king to hand Arthur, whom he was diligently keeping in custody, over to them. When John refused they conspired together and launched a rebellion against him, collecting a large army from provinces which should have been under the king's authority. They devastated the land, pillaging and burning and they attacked many castles. At this, several powerful men left the king and joined their fellow nobles...They held the castle of Angers with all the town and in a short time took many fortified places.

Ralph of Coggeshall, Chronicle, written before 1208

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

The earls and barons and other nobles of the kingdom of England, who had till that time firmly adhered to King John, when they heard his words and saw his incorrigible idleness, obtained his permission to return home, pretending that they would come back to him. Thus they left the king with few soldiers in Normandy... He stayed inactive in Rouen with his queen, so that it was said he was infatuated by sorcery or witchcraft; for in the midst of all his losses and disgrace he showed a cheerful countenance to all, as if he had lost nothing.

Roger of Wendover, History of England, written before 1236

Source D: Matthew Paris, a monk at St Alban's, comments on John's attitude.

The garrisons of the cities and castles in Normandy on the side of King John informed him what a strait they were in and that, unless they received prompt and effective assistance, they must go over to the French king, whether they wanted to or not. To which John replied that they must do whatever they each thought would be to their advantage. In the mean time King John went on indulging his gluttony and luxury with his wanton queen.

Matthew Paris, Flowers of History, written before 1259

SECTION B

England 1216–1272

Answer **ONE** question.

2* 'Henry III governed as an absolute monarch.' Assess this view of Henry's rule up to 1250. **[20]**

3* How successfully was the government in England reconstructed after 1265? **[20]**

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