

GCSE HISTORY

Paper 2 Section B/A: Norman England, c1066-c1100

Interpretations Booklet

Interpretation A for use in answering Question 01



Interpretation A An interpretation of what happened after the death of Edward the Confessor.

Adapted from '1066 – the Year of the Conquest' by David Howarth, 1977.

Edward the Confessor's funeral was hurriedly held on the day after he died. Harold was crowned later that very same day. The Witan's second choice had been Edgar and they would not even consider Duke William becoming King of England. William was shocked by this. He had believed for many years that he was the heir to the English throne. As his power rested on his reputation for strength he could not back down and risk being laughed at. William's pride now forced him into a dangerous invasion that he could never have wanted.

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Time allowed: 1 hour

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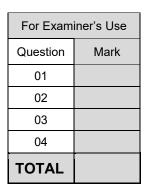
• An Interpretations Booklet (enclosed).

Instructions

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- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all four questions.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
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Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- Extended writing is tested in Question 04.



	Answer all four questions.
	Study Interpretation A in the Interpretations Booklet.
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	Explain your answer based on your contextual knowledge and what it says in Interpretation A .
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0 4	'Religious belief was the main reason for building monasteries in Norman	England.'
	How far does a study of Castle Acre Priory support this statement?	
	Explain your answer.	
	You should refer to Castle Acre Priory and your contextual knowledge.	[16 marks]



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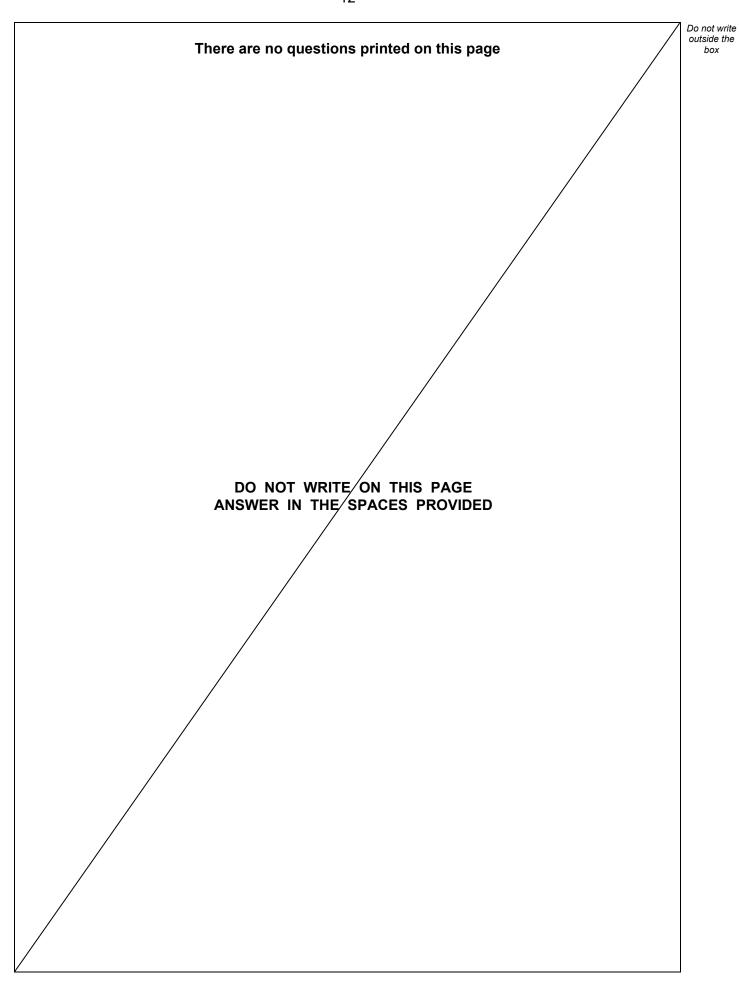


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