

AS HISTORY

Royal Authority and the Angevin Kings, 1154–1216

Component 2A The Reign of Henry II, 1154–1189

Monday 20 May 2024

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2A.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a letter to the senior churchmen in Ireland, written by Pope Alexander III in 1172.

It has come to my notice how great are the enormities of sin into which the people of Ireland are lapsed. They have departed from the fear of God and the established practice of the Christian faith, so that souls have been placed in peril. We have further learnt that Henry, the noble English king, our dearest son in Christ, moved by inspiration from God, has defeated this barbarous and uncouth race which is ignorant of divine law. Through his power, those forbidden things which used to be practised in your land now begin to diminish. We command that you passionately assist the King so that this undisciplined people may be led to respect the divine law. 5

Source B

From the 'Topography of Ireland', written by Gerald of Wales, after he and Prince John visited Ireland in 1185. Gerald hoped to be made Bishop of St David's.

King Henry, your victories compete with the world itself; you have spread your triumphs as far as nature has spread her lands. Your brave spirit may find no more lands to conquer, but victory never deserts you. How then has the Irish world been added to your titles and triumphs? By what great and glorious inspiration were you able to succeed? How prematurely were you recalled from the enterprise by a conspiracy from your nobles, when your triumph was complete, but you had not yet restored order in the country? How has the terror of your incomparable bravery and great name curbed the raging fury of the heathens and secured peace and tranquillity to the Church of Christ? 5

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining Henry II's involvement in Ireland?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'Thomas Becket's death was the result of his difficult personality.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Money was the most significant motive for Henry II's legal reforms.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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