

AS HISTORY

The Wars of the Roses, 1450–1499

Component 2B The Fall of the House of Lancaster, 1450–1471

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 7041/2B.
- 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 written address to the citizens of Shrewsbury by Richard of York, 3 February 1452. Richard is seeking support for a march on London.

It is known that the Duke of Somerset had the command of the lands lost in France. After my coming out of Ireland, as the King's true servant (as I ever shall be to my life's end), I brought to His Majesty's attention articles concerning the well-being of his most royal person and the tranquillity and conservation of the realm. This advice was laid aside through the envy, malice, and untruth of the Duke of Somerset. He works continually for my undoing and to disinherit me, my heirs, and those around me, without just cause. I am determined to proceed against the Duke of Somerset, with the help of my kinsmen and friends, to promote the peace of this land.

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Source B

From a petition to Henry VI from the parliament of November 1459, later called the 'Parliament of Devils'. This condemned Richard of York's actions in the years 1450 to 1452.

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Source B is a petition from the parliament of November 1459 condemning Richard of York's actions. The source portrays him as instigating trouble, for example when he raised an army without permission in 1452.

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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 why there was conflict in England in the years 1450 to 1452?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'The Yorkists were motivated by a desire to seize the throne in the years 1459 to 1461.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The Woodvilles were the most important influence on Edward IV in the years 1464 to 1469.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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