

## History GCSE Revision – Exam Questions

### *Paper 2 – Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88*

#### **Question 1 – Describe two features of... (4 mark)**

1. Describe **two** features of the role of the king in Anglo-Saxon England. (4 marks)
2. Describe **two** features of the social system of Anglo-Saxon England. (4 marks)
3. Describe **two** features of earldoms in Anglo-Saxon England. (4 marks)
4. Describe **two** features of the power of the Godwin family. (4 marks)
5. Describe **two** features of Harold Godwinson's attempts to secure his claim to the throne after Edward. (4 marks)
6. Describe **two** features of an Anglo-Saxon burh. (4 marks)
7. Describe **two** features of the shire reeve. (4 marks)
8. Describe **two** features of the Church in Anglo-Saxon England. (4 marks)
9. Describe **two** features of the reign of Harold Godwinson. (4 marks)
10. Describe **two** features of the Battle of Stamford Bridge. (4 marks)
11. Describe **two** features of Harold Godwinson's embassy to Normandy. (4 marks)
12. Describe **two** features of William of Normandy's claim to the English throne. (4 marks)
13. Describe **two** features of the Anglo-Saxon army. (4 marks)
14. Describe **two** features of Norman army at the Battle of Hastings. (4 marks)
15. Describe **two** features of Norman castles. (4 marks)
16. Describe **two** features of William's control of the Saxon nobles. (4 marks)
17. Describe **two** features of the rebellions in the North, 1069. (4 marks)
18. Describe **two** features of the revolt of the earls, 1075. (4 marks)

19. Describe **two** features of the feudal hierarchy. (4 marks)
20. Describe **two** features of the role of tenants-in-chief in Norman England. (4 marks)
21. Describe **two** features of the Normanisation of the Anglo-Saxon Church. (4 marks)
22. Describe **two** features of Lanfranc's reforms of the English Church. (4 marks)
23. Describe **two** features of the Domesday Book. (4 marks)
24. Describe **two** features of the Harrying of the North. (4 marks)
25. Describe **two** features of the rebellion against William Rufus in 1088. (4 marks)

### **Question 2 – Explain why... (12 mark)**

1. Explain why there was a disputed succession to the English throne when Edward the Confessor died.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Edward's lack of an heir
- The embassy to Normandy (1064)

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

2. Explain why Harold Godwinson's position as ruler was threatened by September 1066.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Tostig
- William of Normandy

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

3. Explain why Anglo-Saxon monarchs had so much power.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Landholding
- Law-making

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

4. Explain why there was an uprising against Earl Tostig in 1065.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Malcolm III
- Danelaw

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

5. Explain why William won the Battle of Hastings.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The Battle of Stamford Bridge
- William's leaderships

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

6. Explain why William of Normandy had secured the throne of England by the end of 1066.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Stamford Bridge
- The Godwinson family

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

7. Explain why William faced threats to the throne after 1066.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Edgar Aethling
- Hereward the Wake

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

8. Explain why William carried out the 'harrying of the north' in 1069-70.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Rebellions
- Punishment

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

9. Explain why William's methods of maintaining power helped him to secure his position as king.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Harrying of the north
- Land ownership

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

10. Explain why William created the Marcher earldoms.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Protecting the borders
- Rewarding followers

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

11. Explain why castles were important in securing Norman England, 1066-87.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The Marcher Earldoms
- Motte and bailey

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

12. Explain why changes in landownership made resistance to Norman control less likely after 1071.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Tenants-in-chief
- Thegns

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

13. Explain why Odo was important in Norman England in the years 1066-88.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The Battle of Hastings
- Regent

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

14. Explain why there were challenges to William I when he was deciding his succession.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Land
- Robert

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

15. Explain why Bishop Odo lost power in 1082.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Tenant-in-chief
- The Church

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

16. Explain why William Rufus was able to defeat the rebellion of 1088.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Bishop Odo
- The Church in England

You **must** also use information of your own. (12 marks)

**Question 3 – ‘.....’ How far do you agree? (16 mark)**

1. ‘The main reason William of Normandy won the Battle of Hastings was his superior leadership skills.’

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Norman tactics
- The Battle of Stamford Bridge

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

2. ‘The main reason for the English defeat at the Battle of Hastings was superior Norman tactics.’

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The feigned retreat
- The shield wall

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

3. ‘The main reason William was able to keep control of the people of England was his use of regents.’

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Role of regents
- The legal system

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

4. 'The main consequence of the Norman invasion of England was the Normanisation of the Church.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The work of Archbishop Lanfranc
- Land ownership

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

5. 'The main reason for the Harrying of the North was to prevent another Danish invasion.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Robert Cumin
- Danelaw

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

6. 'The destruction of lives and property was the main consequence of the Harrying of the North.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Farmland
- Threats of invasion from Denmark

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)



7. 'The main consequence of Anglo-Saxon resistance 1068-70 was an increase in Norman control of England.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The Harrying of the North
- Hereward the Wake

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

8. 'William's strategy for ruling England had failed by 1070.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- The submission of the earls
- The Harrying of the North

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

9. 'The main significance of the Domesday Book was financial.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Invasion threats
- The geld tax

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

10. 'The main threat to Norman control of England was Viking invasion.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Edwin and Morcar
- The rebellion at Ely, 1070-71

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)

11. 'Of all the changes the Normans made in England, the most important was the change to the Church.'

How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

- Lanfranc
- The feudal system

You **must** also use information of your own. (16 marks)