ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL
OXFORD

13+ SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION
2013
HISTORY PAPER
Time: 1 hour

Instructions to Candidates

1. Answer the question from Section A and answer **ONE** question from Section B.

2. You are advised to spend 25 minutes on Section A and 35 minutes on Section B.

3. You are reminded of the importance of clear and orderly presentation in your answers.

Section A

The following source is called 'Let US Face the Future' and is from the Labour Party's political campaign manifesto for the general election held in the summer of 1945, just after World War II had finished in Europe. You are not expected to know anything about this period, but you will be asked to make deductions about it from the manifesto below.

The Labour Party appeals to British voters stressing the need for change.

"This war will have been won by the people, not by any one man, though strong and greatly valued leadership has been given to the people. And in this leadership the Labour Ministers have taken their full share of burdens and responsibilities. The Labour Party has played a leading part in the long campaign for proper social security for all - social provision against hard times, coupled with the economic policies calculated to reduce rainy days to a minimum. Labour led the fight against the mean and shabby treatment which was the lot while of millions while Conservative Governments were in power over long years. There is no good reason why Britain should not afford such programmes, but she will need full employment and the highest possible industrial efficiency in order to so."

"Let Us Face the Future", Labour Party Manifesto, May 1945.

Social security = government scheme for health, unemployment and pension benefits available to all people.

Question:

What does this source tell you about the state of British politics and the economy in 1945 and what role the Labour Party wanted to have in government after the general election?

(20 marks)

Section B

Essay question

Spend 35 minutes of this section. Answer **ONE** essay question from the following list. Illustrate the points you make in your essay with relevant examples from any period or area of history that you have studied. Ensure your essay has an **argument** or **discussion** and you are not simply writing a descriptive explanation of events. You must write in full sentences.

i) Pope Benedict XVI resigned his papal office in 2013. How important do you think religion is in the 21st century? Explain your answer.

ii) The British government wants more British history to be taught in schools in the United Kingdom. Do you agree with this view? Explain your answer.

iii) 2014 marks the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War I. How should schools and the United Kingdom commemorate this anniversary?

iv) Consider any revolution that you have studied and learnt about. Explain why it is an important event for school children to study.

(30 marks)