ST EDWARD'S
OXFORD

LOWER SIXTH ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

November 2013

HISTORY

Time: 1 hour

Candidates Name: ……

Instructions to Candidates

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

2. You are advised to spend 40 minutes on Section A and 20 minutes on Section B.

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

Section A

Answer ONE question from this section.

i) In 2014 the United Kingdom will begin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. Explain the arguments for and against commemorating this war. (30 marks)

ii) In 2014 the people of Scotland will have a referendum to decide upon the question "Should Scotland be an independent country?" Explain the arguments for and against the break-up of the United Kingdom. (30 marks)

iii) "Should History be the study of anything more than the great men and women who have shaped great historical events?" Fully explain your answer. (30 marks)

iv) "All wars end in failure." How valid, in your judgement, is this claim? Develop your answer by specific reference to at three least wars you have studied. (30 marks)

v) What can historians learn from the history of fashion? (30 marks)

Section B

This is an adapted extract from Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603) of England's speech, to her army at Tilbury in August 1588, as England awaited an invasion from Spain. You do not need to know anything about Tudor England to answer the question below, and you should not provide information other than from the source.

Let tyrants fear. I have always so behaved myself that, under God, I have place my chiefest strength and safeguard in the loyal hearts and good will of my people; and therefore I am come amongst you, as you see, at this time, not for my recreation and disport (enjoyment), but being resolved, in the midst and heat of the battle, to live and die amongst you all, to lay down for my God, and for my kingdom, and for my people, my honour and my blood, even in the dust. I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king, and of a king of England too, and think foul scorn that Parma or Spain, or any prince of Europe should dare to invade the borders of my realm; ……I myself will take up arms, I myself will be your general, judge and rewarder of every one of your virtues in the field.

What does the extract tell you about Queen Elizabeth I and how she viewed her people and country as it was about to be invaded?

(20 marks)