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A Level History A

Y303/01 English Government and the Church 1066–1216

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question in Section A and **any two** questions in Section B.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Section A

Read the **two** passages and answer Question 1.

1 Evaluate the interpretations in **both** of the two passages.

Explain which you think is more convincing as an explanation of Henry I's success in seizing Normandy. **[30]**

Passage A

Adapted from C. Warren Hollister, Henry I, p. 182-186, 188,,199, 201, Yale University Press, 2003. From first line "Henry I paid special attention to the members of the Anglo-Norman nobility in an attempt to win their support." to last line "He had reconstructed his father's Anglo-Norman realm." Item

Passage B

Adapted from Austin Lane Poole, From Domesday Book to Magna Carta 1087-1216, p. 115,116,118, 119, 120, Oxford University Press, 1955. From first line "At the beginning of Henry I's reign there was a rebellion in favour of duke Robert's claim to the English throne." to last line "He never really ha

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

2* ‘The reasons for rebellion in Stephen’s reign were typical of the reasons for rebellion in England throughout the period from 1066 to 1216.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

3* ‘The reasons for changes in the organisation and administration of local government remained the same throughout the period from 1066 to 1216.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

4* ‘Archbishops of Canterbury did more to strengthen the English church in the period from 1066 to 1154 than in the period from 1154 to 1216.’

How far do you agree? **[25]**

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