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HISTORY

COURSE HI244 : BRITISH HISTORY, 1450-1603

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Answer **Three** questions
Time allowed : **Two** hours

1. 'In the Wars of the Roses the key to victory was control of the borderlands.' Discuss.
2. How did Henry VII manage to ensure the unopposed succession of his son as king when the previous four English kings had failed to do so?
3. Discuss the main differences between lordship and society in the early Tudor borderlands and in lowland England.
4. How successful was Tudor rule in the far north of England, 1485-1547?
5. To what extent was the Tudor Reformation an attempt to impose the culture and values of lowland England on outlying parts of the Tudor state?
6. How important was the impact of the Reformation in bringing about the break-up of the traditional Gaelic world uniting Ireland and Scotland?
7. Why was Henry VIII so much more successful in extending English law and administrative structures throughout Wales than throughout Ireland, 1534-1547?
8. Why have the years 1558-1560 been seen as marking a turning point in the origins of a British state?

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9. Why did the Reformation in Scotland develop so differently from its English counterpart?
10. Why did the Tudor conquest of Ireland take so long?
11. Was the Crisis of the 1590s chiefly political or socio-economic in nature?
12. Outline the main reasons for the gradual improvement in Anglo-Scottish relations during the 16th century.