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THIRD ARTS, 4TH ARTS AND VISITING

HI383: THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII

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Time: TWO hours

Answer THREE (3) Questions

1. How and with what success did Cardinal Wolsey attempt to deal with political opponents in the king's privy chamber?
2. How realistic was Henry VIII's foreign policy?
3. How influential were women in court politics during Henry VIII's reign?
4. Account for the fall of either a) Anne Boleyn or b) Thomas Cromwell.
5. Why did it prove so difficult in 1525 and 1534 to find an effective replacement for Lord Dacre of Gilsland as warden of the west marches towards Scotland?
6. 'We will not be bound of a necessity to be served with lords.' (Henry VIII, 1537) Discuss the circumstances which prompted the king to make this declaration.
7. How do you explain the success of Henry VIII's policy for Wales, 1534-47, despite its radical nature?
8. 'Essentially, the Henrician Reformation marked the implementation in an English context of the reform programme of Renaissance humanists like Erasmus.' Discuss.
9. How do you explain the comparatively moderate, non-violent character of Tudor rebellions under Henry VIII?
10. Why did Henry VIII's government find it so difficult to tackle the problems of inflation and demographic growth?
11. In view of the events surrounding the Amicable Grant, how do you explain the absence of popular opposition to heavy taxation for foreign war in the 1540s?
12. How was it that, despite that king's bloodthirsty reputation and the deposition of five of his predecessors, Henry VIII managed to die peacefully in his bed?