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HISTORY

Course HI 248 - MEDIEVAL EUROPE, c.1250-1500

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours

Answer **ONE** question from GROUP A, **ONE** question from GROUP B
and **ONE OTHER** question from a group of your choice.

Answer **THREE** questions in total

GROUP A

1. Assess the short-term and long-term impact of Europeans' encounters with the Mongols.
2. Why did lay rulers support inquisitors (when and where they did)?
3. **EITHER**
 - (a) Assess the most significant short-term effects of the Black Death in Europe, accounting for regional variation and giving dates for the period you consider 'short term'.

OR

 - (b) Assess the most significant long-term effects of the Black Death in Europe, accounting for regional variation and giving dates for the period you consider 'long term'.
4. **EITHER**
 - (a) Discuss the most important changes in military organisation in France and England attributable to the Hundred Years War.

OR

 - (b) Assess the most important political developments in France and England attributable to the Hundred Years War.

Group A, continued/

5. 'Rising expectations, not abject poverty and desperation, led people to rise up against their political superiors'; discuss in relation to at least two fourteenth-century uprisings in Europe.

6. **EITHER**

(a) 'Lay rulers who attacked particular popes were not necessarily attacking the institutional church or the papacy'; discuss with reference to at least two significant disputes.

OR

(b) Discuss the most significant responses to the Great Schism.

GROUP B

7. **EITHER**

(a) Assess the most important means by which kings could extend or consolidate royal power and the extent to which these means had changed from c. 1250 to c. 1500. (Provide specific examples and do **not** limit your discussion to one kingdom.)

OR

(b) 'The personal qualities of a king remained as important to the success of a king's reign in c.1500 as they had been c.1250'; discuss with reference to specific episodes from kings' reigns.

8. Account for the most significant differences in the structure and powers of the English Parliament and **EITHER** the French 'Estates General' **OR** the 'Cortes' in a kingdom on the Iberian peninsula, c.1250-1500.

9. 'On the whole, Europeans were not markedly less religious in 1500 than they had been in 1250'; discuss.

10. What roles did increasing literacy and record keeping play in religion, government and society during the period c.1250-1500?

11. 'The growth of towns was the most significant socio-political, economic, and cultural trend in Europe during the period c.1250-1500'; discuss.

12. Discuss the most significant technological improvements and their consequences in the period c.1250-1500.