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SEMESTER 2

HISTORY

Course HI343 : **THE WARS OF THE ROSES**

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Time allowed : **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions

1. Was bastard feudalism chiefly a force for stability or instability in the 15th-century English polity?
2. How convincing are recent arguments that Henry VI was effectively a nullity throughout the period 1437-1461?
3. 'Defeat in the Hundred Years War against France led inevitably to the outbreak of the civil war known as the Wars of the Roses.' Discuss.
4. To what extent did the Wars of the Roses lead to an upsurge of regional tensions and antagonisms within the English state?
5. Discuss the use made by the Yorkists of political propaganda in the period 1450-1461.
6. How important a factor was control of the borderlands in the Yorkist recovery following the rout of Ludford, 1459-61?
7. Did Edward IV's marriage to Elizabeth Woodville amount to a serious political misjudgement?
8. Why did the Readeption of Henry VI prove so short-lived?
9. How competent a general was Warwick the Kingmaker?

10. How successful was Edward IV in his handling of the nobility?
11. How accurate was the complaint of the Crowland Chronicle Continuator that Richard III's arrangements for the government of southern England amounted to a northern plantation of the region?
12. Either a) How close did Lambert Simnel come to toppling Henry Tudor?
Or b) Why was Henry Percy, 4th earl of Northumberland murdered in 1489?
13. Either a) How convincing are arguments that the policies of the Yorkist kings and Henry VII led to the establishment of a New Monarchy?
Or b) Was it chiefly Edward IV or Henry VII who laid the foundations for the revival of crown government in the later 15th century?