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HISTORY

Course HI383 : **THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII**

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

1. A great king or a bloodthirsty tyrant? How do you assess Henry VIII's achievements as ruler?
2. Assess the impact of Anne Boleyn's French education on English court culture and religion, 1527-36.
3. How far could Henry VIII be manipulated by court factions?
4. Was there a Crisis of the Aristocracy in the 1530s?
5. How convincing are arguments that the 1530s witnessed a transformation of the English king's medieval dominions into an English nation-state?
6. Why did the Pilgrimage of Grace fail to attain any of its main objectives?
7. Why did Cardinal Wolsey fall in 1529?
8. Which sections of English society proved most receptive to Protestantism under Henry VIII?
9. Assess the impact of the Kildare rebellion on English rule in Ireland.
10. Was Henry VIII's Irish policy 1541-7 essentially an adaptation of his policy for Wales 1536-43?
11. How successful was the Henrician government in tackling the problems of inflation and unemployment?

12. 'Flodden and Solway Moss presented Henry VIII with promising opportunities to subjugate Scotland. On both occasions he squandered them in favour of costly expeditions against France.' Discuss.