

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART I OF THE HISTORICAL TRIPOS

Tuesday 21 April 2015

1.30 to 4.30

Paper 7

BRITISH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY, 380–1100

Answer *three* questions.

Write your *number* (not your name) on the cover-sheet of each answer booklet.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

20 Page Answer Book x 1

Rough Work Pad

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages of this
question paper until instructed that you
may do so by the Invigilator**

- 1 Can we depend solely on Bede's *Ecclesiastical History* for our knowledge of the conversion to Christianity in Anglo-Saxon England?
- 2 What has the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard added to our understanding of early Anglo-Saxon society?
- 3 What did the Anglo-Saxon Church before c. 900 owe to Irish and Frankish influences?
- 4 Describe the major shifts in patterns of rural settlement in the Anglo-Saxon period.
- 5 What do illuminated manuscripts reveal about early medieval insular culture?
- 6 How important and how necessary was Alfred's programme for the revival of religion and learning?
- 7 To what extent were viking raids and Scandinavian settlement disastrous for the Anglo-Saxon Church?
- 8 In what ways was the Danelaw distinct from the rest of Anglo-Saxon England?
- 9 What social and economic impact did the Scandinavians have in the Gaelic world?
- 10 What stimulated urban growth between the ninth and eleventh centuries?
- 11 In what ways can single finds of coins be used to supplement the evidence of coin hoards for our knowledge of the economy in early medieval Britain?
- 12 What were the influences on the tenth-century monastic reform movement?
- 13 What do Saints' Lives contribute to our understanding of the history of any given region of the British Isles?
- 14 In what ways did the provision of pastoral care change during the Anglo-Saxon period?
- 15 What can extant law-codes tell us about the operation of the law in **either** Anglo-Saxon England **or** Ireland?
- 16 How widespread was lay literacy in the late Anglo-Saxon period?
- 17 What does surviving art and architecture tell us about Anglo-Saxon society? Answer with reference to any period of **one hundred years or more**.
- 18 How important was gender in establishing status in Anglo-Saxon England? Answer with reference to any period of **one hundred years or more**.

- 19** How can the evidence of place-names aid the historian of the British Isles and what are the limitations of this kind of evidence? Answer with reference to any **one or more** region.
- 20** What impact did the Norman Conquest have on the Anglo-Saxon Church?
- 21** In what ways can Domesday Book be useful to a social and economic historian?

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