

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART I OF THE HISTORICAL TRIPOS**

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Wednesday 22 April 2015

9 to 12

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Paper 15

EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1200–1520

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 What were Innocent III's aims and how successful was he in achieving them?
- 2 'The exceptionality of Frederick II has been exaggerated.' Discuss.
- 3 Why did the Mongol invasions cause such a shock in medieval Europe?
- 4 **Either** (a) What were the greatest achievements of Louis IX?  
  
**Or** (b) In what ways did Philip IV attempt to strengthen his authority and how successful was he in his endeavours?
- 5 What were the most effective means of combating heresy in this period?
- 6 What was the significance of the Sicilian Vespers?
- 7 What did crusaders in this period hope to achieve?
- 8 **Either** (a) In what ways did the rise of the German Hansa transform the economy of northern Europe?  
  
**Or** (b) To what extent did Atlantic trade compete with Mediterranean trade in this period?
- 9 What did the popes gain from their presence in Avignon?
- 10 'The impact of the Black Death has been exaggerated.' Discuss.
- 11 To what extent was patronage of the arts a political tool in the hands of the dukes of Burgundy?
- 12 How successful were late medieval German emperors in asserting their authority?
- 13 What role did cities play in the politics of medieval Italy?
- 14 Why did the Franciscan Order encounter more problems than the Dominicans in the later Middle Ages?
- 15 How important was the role of the nobility in **either** Bohemia **or** Hungary in the period c. 1200-1500?
- 16 Account for the rise of Muscovy.
- 17 Why did the Hundred Years' War last so long?
- 18 What was the role of women in the spread of lay devotion in late medieval Europe?
- 19 What role did conciliarism play in the development of the papacy?

- 20** What were the most important features of Christian attitudes to **either** Jews **or** Muslims in this period?
- 21** How inevitable was the Fall of Constantinople to the Turks?
- 22** To what extent did Ferdinand and Isabella unite Spain?
- 23** What were the goals of the Italian humanists and how did they hope to achieve them?

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