

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART I OF THE HISTORICAL TRIPOS

Wednesday 22 April 2015

9 to 12

Paper 14

EUROPEAN HISTORY, 900–c. 1215

*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 How important was Italy for the Ottonians?
- 2 What were the strengths and weaknesses of tenth-century Byzantium?
- 3 'The Investiture Struggle was an offshoot of the Gregorian Reform.' Discuss.
- 4 **Either** (a) What were the goals of the monks of Cluny and how did they hope to achieve them?

Or (b) What were the most important features of monastic reform between c. 1050 and c. 1200?
- 5 How successful were the Capetians in expanding their authority in this period?
- 6 How successful were the Crusades in this period?
- 7 Was there a commercial revolution in the central Middle Ages?
- 8 How successful was Frederick Barbarossa in asserting imperial power?
- 9 What was the role of classical thought in **either** the Macedonian **or** the Twelfth-century Renaissance?
- 10 Assess the reasons for Christian successes in the Iberian Peninsula up to c. 1215.
- 11 **Either** (a) 'Christian attitudes towards Jews in the central Middle Ages tell us more about Christians than Jews.' Discuss.

Or (b) How did Christians in this period view Muslims and why?
- 12 To what extent was Europe a 'persecuting society' in the twelfth century? Answer with reference to heresy.
- 13 Was violence an unavoidable aspect of chivalry?
- 14 What impact did the study of Roman law have on developments in this period?
- 15 'The uniqueness of the kingdom of Sicily has been exaggerated.' Discuss.
- 16 Which sources tell us most about gender in this period and why?
- 17 In what ways did popular religion differ from official religion in this period?
- 18 To what extent were rulers able to centralise their power in **either** Central Europe **or** Scandinavia by the end of the twelfth century?

- 19** 'The importance of feudalism has been exaggerated for this period.' Discuss.
- 20** How successful was the rule of the Komnenoi?
- 21** What did Innocent III hope to achieve through the Fourth Lateran Council?

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