

History Exam board – OCR History B

The Elizabethans – Paper 2 - 5th June

2025



Majesty

- The Court
- Privy Council and Privy Chamber
- Earl of Essex
- Parliament
- Local and national government
- Propaganda and censorship

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Catholics

- Elizabethans laws towards Catholics
- Catholic priests
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Spanish Armada

Daily Lives

- Gentry
- Middling Sort
- Labouring Poor
- Family Life
- Poverty in Elizabethan England
- Responses to Poverty and the Poor Law, 1601

Merry England

- Popular Pastimes and Festivities. How do they decline?
- Persecution of witches
- Elizabethan theatres
- Opposition to theatres

Adventurers

- Dr John Dee
- Humphrey Gilbert
- Sir Walter Raleigh
- Ralph Fitch
- James Lancaster

Crime and Punishment – Paper 2 - 5th June

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Medieval

- Crime in the medieval period
- 13th, 14th, 15th century crimes
- Medieval law enforcement
- Medieval punishment
- 10 ways to cheat death

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Early Modern

- New crimes: Vagrancy, witchcraft, moral crimes, smuggling, highway robbery
- EMP law enforcement
- EMP punishments
- EMP capital punishment
- EMP Bloody Code

Industrial

- Crime in the Industrial period
- 19th century views and attitudes
- Policing in 1750
- Metropolitan Police Force, 1829
- Changing role of police officers
- Changes in capital punishment
- Transportation
- Prison reforms
- Prison systems

20th Century

- Crime in the 20th century
- Crime post 1955: Cyber crime, football hooliganism, illegal drugs, race/religion crimes.
- Developments in the police force
- Changes to courts in 20th century
- 20th century punishments
- 20th century prisons and alternatives to prison

Skipton Castle – Paper 1 - 16th May 2025

Periods

- Norman 'Creation' Period
- Medieval Period
- War of the Roses
- Tudor Period
- English Civil War
- Rebuilding
- 20th century

Key Questions

Why was the location chosen?

Diversity of activities at Skipton Castle.

Significant times in the site's past.

How are the features of Skipton Castle significant?

How is Skipton Castle important locally and nationally?

The typicality of Skipton Castle.

What Skipton Castle reveals about everyday life, values and attitudes.

How the physical remains can inform artistic representations and interpretations?

The challenges and benefits of studying the historic environment.



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Viking Expansion – Paper 3 - 10th June 2025

Homelands

- Daily Life and culture
- Viking trading towns
- Viking Society
- Viking Law and order
- Viking longships
- Viking trade
- Viking religion and organised religion

Volga Vikings

- Expansion into Russia: Staraya Ladoga
- Varangian Rus
- Varangian Kings
- Volga Vikings in the Arab World: Baghdad
- Volga Vikings in the Byzantine Empire: Constantinople

Raiders and Invaders

- Viking Warfare
- Reasons for raiding
- Lindisfarne
- Attacks on England, France, Ireland and Scotland
- Invasion of England in 865
- The Danelaw

Settlers in the West

- Settlement in British Isles and France
- Importance of Jorvik
- Atlantic Settlements
- Conversion to Christianity

Great Danes

- Harold Bluetooth
- Svein Forkbeard
- Cnut the Great

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Living under Nazi Rule – Paper 3 - 10th June 2025

Dictatorship

- Nazi beliefs and leadership
- Steps to becoming Chancellor
- Removing Communists - Reichstag Fire
- Removing Democracy – Enabling Act
- Gleichschaltung
- Removing remaining opposition
- Achieving total power
- Local Government and the Peoples Court
- Night of the Long Knives

Opposition

- Police State
- Propaganda
- Opposition from the Church
- Opposition from youth groups

Changing Lives

- Workers policies
- Women
- Education
- Hitler Youth
- Nazi racial policy
- Kristallnacht
- Anti-Semitic legislation

Germany at War

- Impact of war on Germany
- Wartime opposition
- Total war

Nazi Occupation

- Occupation of the West: Netherlands
- Occupation of the East: Poland
- Holocaust
- Responses to occupation

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