# 7.10 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1066-88: Norman Government: Sheriffs, the Forest and Domesday: Test Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 65 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions. Write in full sentences for the 12-mark and 16-mark questions.**

**1** Name the language in which the king's writs were increasingly written after the Conquest.

**(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)**

**2** Name the Latin title of the shire official, the sheriff.

**(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)**

**3** Name the term for turning land into a legal royal forest with forest law applied.

**(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)**

**4** State two things the Domesday survey recorded about each manor.

**(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)**

**5** State two sources of income the king drew from his demesne land.

**(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)**


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**6** Describe one feature of the sheriff's role in the shire court.

**(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)**

**7** State two responsibilities of a Norman sheriff.

**(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)**

**8** State two things a writ could do in the king's name.

**(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)**

**9** State two things that the law of the forest restricted.

**(Total for Question 9 is 2 marks)**

**10** Describe one feature of the way local evidence was gathered for the Domesday inquiry.

**(Total for Question 10 is 2 marks)**

**11** State two things William granted to his followers by royal charter.

**(Total for Question 11 is 2 marks)**


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**12** Give two reasons why the king found it useful to have sheriffs pay a fixed sum for their shires.

**(Total for Question 12 is 2 marks)**

**13** State two kinds of payment that royal manors made to the king.

**(Total for Question 13 is 2 marks)**

**14** Describe two features of the writs and the chancery under William I.

**(Total for Question 14 is 4 marks)**

**15** Name the forest in Hampshire that tradition says William I created around 1079.

**(Total for Question 15 is 1 mark)**

**16** Describe two features of the New Forest as a royal forest.

**(Total for Question 16 is 4 marks)**


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**17** Describe two features of the penalties of forest law.

**(Total for Question 17 is 4 marks)**

**18** Describe two features of the Domesday survey's organisation.

**(Total for Question 18 is 4 marks)**

**19** Describe two features of the geld raised in 1083-84.

**(Total for Question 19 is 4 marks)**

**20** Describe two features of the information Domesday Book gave about the value of land.

**(Total for Question 20 is 4 marks)**


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**21** Describe two features of the information in Domesday Book that related to the geld.

**(Total for Question 21 is 4 marks)**

**22** Name the place where William ordered the Domesday survey at Christmas 1085.

**(Total for Question 22 is 1 mark)**

**23** Name the smaller of the two volumes of Domesday Book, covering three eastern counties.

**(Total for Question 23 is 1 mark)**

**24** Name the groups of local men who were sworn to answer the questions of the Domesday inquiry.

**(Total for Question 24 is 1 mark)**

**25** Name the chronicle that records a geld of six shillings on each hide in 1083-84.

**(Total for Question 25 is 1 mark)**


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# Mark scheme · 7.10 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1066-88: Norman Government: Sheriffs, the Forest and Domesday: Test Pack

## Question 1

any one of: Latin **B1**

**Answer: Latin**

## Question 2

any one of: vicecomes; vicecomites; viscount **B1**

**Answer: vicecomes**

## Question 3

any one of: afforestation; afforest **B1**

**Answer: afforestation**

## Question 4

any one valid item the survey recorded, e.g. the number of ploughs; mills; livestock; the value of the manor; woodland, meadow or pasture; the number of peasants; who held the manor in 1066 and 1086; the size of the holding in hides **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: ploughs; mills; livestock; value; holders**

## Question 5

any one valid source, e.g. rents from tenants on royal manors; produce (food rents) from the manors; profits from the king's own farming; fines and dues from royal estates; the farm of one night **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: rents and produce; profits from farming**

## Question 6

a valid feature of the sheriff's role in the shire court, e.g. he presided over the shire court; he represented the king in the court; he enforced its judgements **B1**

supporting detail of that feature, e.g. he made sure the king's writs were carried out; he summoned the suitors and held the court on the king's behalf; he could fine those who did not attend **B1**

**Answer: presided over court; enforced writs**

## Question 7

any one valid responsibility, e.g. collecting the king's revenue and the farm of the shire; keeping the peace; presiding over the shire court; carrying out the king's writs; collecting the geld; leading the shire's men in war; managing royal lands in the shire **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: collect revenue; keep the peace**

## Question 8

any one valid function, e.g. ordering an official to act in a particular case; granting or confirming land to a named person; summoning someone to court; giving a command to the sheriff; confirming a right or privilege **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: order official to act; grant land**

## Question 9

any one valid restriction, e.g. hunting the king's deer; hunting wild boar or hare; taking wood or cutting timber **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: hunting deer; timber; boar**

## Question 10

a valid feature of how evidence was gathered, e.g. it was given on oath; local juries answered a set list of questions; commissioners travelled in circuits to hear it **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. men from each hundred, both English and French, were asked to supply the facts; the jurors were sworn in every hundred **B1**

**Answer: on oath; English and French from each hundred**

## Question 11

any one valid grant, e.g. land held in return for service; estates or manors; offices such as a shrievalty; rights over a shire or manor; rights to hold courts or markets **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: land for service; manor rights**

## Question 12

any one valid reason, e.g. it gave him a fixed, predictable income; it saved him from collecting every payment himself; sheriffs had to find the money whatever happened; it made sheriffs responsible for their shires; it rewarded loyal men **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: fixed income; less collection**

## Question 13

any one valid payment, e.g. food rents such as the farm of one night; money rents from the manors; produce from the demesne; fines and dues owed by tenants **B1**

a second, different valid point (both marks may come from the same category if the points are distinct) **B1**

**Answer: farm of one night; money rents**


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## Question 14

first valid feature, e.g. writs were issued in the king's name and sealed; from about 1070 writs were increasingly written in Latin; the chancery drew up documents for the king's government; writs were sent to sheriffs and other officials; writs could grant land or order action **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. the seal showed that the order came from the king; the chancery clerks were clergy; writs were sent to the shire court **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: king's name; Latin; chancery; sent to officials**

## Question 15

any one of: New Forest **B1**

**Answer: New Forest**

## Question 16

first valid feature, e.g. it was traditionally created by William in Hampshire around 1079; its land was kept for royal hunting and governed by forest law; chroniclers claimed villages in the area were cleared to make way for it; its creation brought new penalties for people who lived in or used it **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. the claims of clearance are disputed by some historians; the forest was used for hunting deer and boar; forest law applied to local people **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: Hampshire c1079; royal hunting; claims of clearance**

## Question 17

first valid feature, e.g. penalties were harsh for people who poached the king's deer; the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle says anyone who killed a hart or hind was to be blinded; offenders could also be fined; the penalties were a source of resentment **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. the Chronicle comments on the king's love of the deer; forest courts and officials enforced the law **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: harsh penalties; blinding reported; fines; resentment**

## Question 18

first valid feature, e.g. royal commissioners travelled in circuits to hold the inquiries; local juries were sworn to answer the set questions; the survey was ordered at Gloucester at Christmas 1085 and carried out in 1086; the same questions were asked in each county **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. questions covered who held the land, its value and its resources; the results were written up into Domesday Book **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: commissioners in circuits; juries; ordered 1085**

## Question 19

first valid feature, e.g. it was a levy on land assessed by the hide; the Chronicle records a rate of six shillings for each hide; it was raised to meet the king's costs (such as the Danish threat); it was a heavy burden on landholders and peasants **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. it was collected by the sheriffs; it was a continuation of the Anglo-Saxon geld tax **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: levy by hide; six shillings; costs; heavy burden**

## Question 20

first valid feature, e.g. the survey gave the value of each manor in 1066 and in 1086; values were given in pounds, shillings and pence; the value was based on what the manor could pay each year; some values had changed between the two dates **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. some manors had gained value and some lost it; values were recorded for each holding **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: values 1066 and 1086; in pounds; annual yield; changes**

## Question 21

first valid feature, e.g. each holding was assessed in hides or carucates, the unit on which geld was charged; it recorded which land was exempt from geld, such as some demesne; it recorded the number of ploughs and the value of each holding; historians debate how far the king used the record to assess tax **B1**

supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. exempt land included some lords' demesne; the number of ploughs showed what the land could bear **B1**

second, different valid feature **B1**

supporting detail developing that second feature **B1**

**Answer: hides/carucates; exemptions; ploughs and values; debated use**

## Question 22

any one of: Gloucester **B1**

**Answer: Gloucester**

## Question 23

any one of: Little Domesday; Little Domesday Book; the Little Domesday **B1**

**Answer: Little Domesday**

## Question 24

any one of: juries; jurors; sworn juries **B1**

**Answer: juries**

## Question 25

any one of: Anglo-Saxon Chronicle; the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle; the Chronicle **B1**

**Answer: Anglo-Saxon Chronicle**


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