7.11 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1066-88: The Norman Aristocracy and Bishop Odo: 30-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

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

1 Describe two features of the warrior ethos of the Norman aristocracy.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Explain why Odo became one of the most powerful men in England by 1080.

You may use the following in your answer:
- his close family tie to William as half-brother
- his earldom of Kent and the wealth from his estates

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 2 is 12 marks)

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3 'The Norman aristocracy's culture was mainly shaped by its ties to Normandy rather than by England.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:
- the language and marriage ties with Normandy
- the Latin of the Church and the English of the people

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 3 is 16 marks)

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Mark scheme · 7.11 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1066-88: The Norman Aristocracy and Bishop Odo: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

first valid feature, e.g. loyalty to the lord was a central duty of the warrior; courage in battle and the pursuit of honour were prized; success in war brought land and status; the ethos linked fighting ability with a lord's favour	**B1**
supporting detail developing that first feature, e.g. knights swore homage and fealty; the conquest of England was the reward of Norman warriors	**B1**
second, different valid feature	**B1**
supporting detail developing that second feature	**B1**

Answer: loyalty; courage and honour; land and status

Question 2

Level 1 Identifies one or two relevant reasons, with little or no supporting detail or explanation.	**1-3**
Level 2 Identifies and begins to explain one or two relevant reasons, supported by some accurate detail.	**4-6**
Level 3 Explains two or three relevant reasons, each supported by accurate and relevant detail.	**7-9**
Level 4 Explains three or more relevant reasons in a well-developed, logically structured way, supported throughout by precise and accurate detail, showing how the reasons connect.	**10-12**

Indicative content:

- Odo's family tie to William gave him access to royal favour
- his position as bishop of Bayeux gave him standing and resources
- the earldom of Kent and his estates gave him wealth and local power
- his service in government and in the king's campaigns increased his influence
- his great wealth allowed him to support many followers and build influence
- any other valid point supported by accurate detail should be credited

Question 3

Level 1 Shows limited relevant knowledge of the topic and offers a simple, largely unsupported view of the statement.	**1-4**
Level 2 Shows some relevant knowledge and identifies relevant factors, but the judgement is only partly supported.	**5-8**
Level 3 Shows good relevant knowledge and explains a range of factors, reaching a supported judgement on how far the statement is accurate.	**9-12**
Level 4 Shows precise, well-selected knowledge and explains a range of factors in a balanced way, reaching a fully supported and sustained judgement, with clear links between factors.	**13-16**

Indicative content:

- the Norman aristocracy came from Normandy and brought its language and customs with them
- Norman French was the language of the elite, which reflects its Norman roots
- cross-Channel estates and marriages kept the aristocracy linked to Normandy
- Latin was used for the Church and government, which linked England to wider Christendom
- English remained the language of the people, so culture was divided rather than English or Norman
- the aristocracy adopted English lands and some local practices, so English influence was present too
- any other valid point supported by accurate detail should be credited

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