7.8 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1075: The Revolt of the Earls: 1-hour Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 60 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

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

1 Explain why the revolt of 1075 failed to win wider English support.

You may use the following in your answer:
- the role of Lanfranc and Wulfstan of Worcester
- Waltheof's confession to Lanfranc

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 1 is 12 marks)

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2 Explain why the defence of Norwich castle mattered to the outcome of the revolt.

You may use the following in your answer:
- the defence of the castle by Ralph's wife
- the surrender terms agreed at Norwich

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 2 is 12 marks)

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3 Explain why William punished the rebel earls so severely in 1075-76.

You may use the following in your answer:
- the threat of a plot to seize the kingdom
- the need to deter future revolts

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 3 is 12 marks)

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4 'The Revolt of the Earls was mainly a conspiracy of Norman lords against the king.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:
- the ambitions of Ralph de Gael and Roger de Breteuil
- Waltheof's ties to the English nobility

You must also use information of your own.

(Total for Question 4 is 16 marks)

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Mark scheme · 7.8 Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, 1075: The Revolt of the Earls: 1-hour Pack

Question 1

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:

- Waltheof's confession to Lanfranc allowed the royal government to act quickly
- Wulfstan of Worcester and Urse d'Abetot stopped Roger's march at the Severn
- the Danish fleet never joined the rebel earls
- the rebels had no clear leader in all regions, so the revolt was divided
- the English population had little to gain from a revolt led by earls

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Indicative content:

- Norwich was the last major rebel stronghold in the east
- Emma's defence kept the castle in rebel hands while Ralph's army was defeated
- the surrender terms let Emma and her men leave for Brittany
- a long siege would have tied up royal forces and delayed the outcome
- the defence showed that women could hold castles in this period

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Indicative content:

- the revolt threatened William's kingdom and his hold on England
- Waltheof's execution showed that even English earls could be punished
- the imprisonment of Roger and exile of Ralph removed the leaders
- severe punishment deterred other earls from rebelling
- William wanted to show that the revolt had failed completely

Question 4

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:

- Ralph de Gael and Roger de Breteuil were lords of Norman rank whose ambitions drove the revolt
- Waltheof was English, which shows the revolt was not only a Norman plot
- Roger and Ralph were powerful earls who may have wanted more land and wealth
- the plan to seize the kingdom with Danish help involved more than the Norman earls
- the revolt drew in English nobles whose resentment was wider than the earls
- the revolt's failure shows how far the earls had isolated themselves

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