

Anglo-Saxon and Norman England Example Exam Questions

Q4(a) Describe two features of... (4 marks)

1. Describe two features of the social system of Anglo-Saxon England.
2. Describe two features of the revolt of the Earls in 1075.
3. Describe two features of earldoms in Anglo-Saxon England.
4. Describe two features of William's troops at the Battle of Hastings.
5. Describe two features of tenants-in-chief.
6. Describe two features of Harold's troops at the Battle of Hastings.
7. Describe two features of the rebellions in the North, 1069.

Q4 (b) Explain why... (12 marks)

1. Explain why there was a rising against Earl Tostig in 1065.

You may use the following in your answer:

 the Danelaw

 Taxation

You must also use information of your own

2. Explain why there was a succession crisis after the death of Edward the Confessor.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Normandy

 the Witan

You must also use information of your own

3. Explain why William created the Marcher Earldoms.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Protecting the borders

 Rewarding followers

You must also use information of your own

4. Explain why changes in landownership made resistance to Norman control less likely after 1071.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Tenants-in-chief

 Thegns

You must also use information of your own

5. Explain why William Rufus was able to defeat the rebellion in 1088.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Bishop Odo

 The Church in England

You must also use information of your own

6. Explain why William built castles in England.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Strategic importance

 Symbol of Norman power

You must also use information of your own

Q4 (c) How far do you agree...? (16 marks)

1. 'The main reason for the English defeat at the Battle of Hastings was superior Norman tactics' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

 The feigned retreat

 The shield wall

You must also use your own information

2. 'The main reason for the Harrying of the North was to prevent another Danish invasion' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

 Robert Cumin

Danelaw

You must also use your own information.

3. 'The main consequence of the Normanisation of England was that the King became more powerful' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

The feudal system

Archbishop Lanfranc

You must also use your own information.

4. 'Of all the changes the Normans made in England, the most important was the change to the Church' How far do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer:

Tenant-in-chief

The Church

You must also use your own information